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HARWELL'S HOT LINE

Greetings to all you patrollers out there "on the line." I hope you had a Happy Holiday Season and wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year! This column is an attempt at keeping you informed on matters of importance and interest.

FALL REFRESHERS

They were well organized and stimulating. I would again emphasize for next year three things: continuing emphasis on practical problems and skills, larger patrols staging their own First Aid Refreshers; using patrol medical advisors to "spice up" lectures. The film "A Matter of Decision" was shown at all refreshers and made its points extremely well concerning the importance of records and "loose talk".

COMMUNICATION

Communication — and the failure thereof — continues to be a problem. The administrative staff can serve you best if we are kept informed. All officers and advisors have been asked to send Farris Jackson and me a copy of any communication you have of any significance. If the schedule of courses, tests and/or clinics needs changing, please contact Tom Moss before changing it so that he can coordinate instructors, teaching materials, etc. I have tried to improve communication by periodic P.O.B.'s to officers and advisors (four since taking office).

AWARDS & P.R. OFFICER

I urge each patrol to have an Awards and Public Relations officer (can be combined). Oftentimes individuals and patrols perform in an outstanding manner and it goes unrecognized except at the local level. This isn't right. The activity is at the patrol level and this is where we need reporters for the Southern Cross, The National Patroller and the local media. Benning Garrison, Division P.R. Advisor is a professional writer and can help. So, if your patrol doesn't have a P.R. officer, get one! This same person — or another — can be your awards officer. We have patrollers in the division who are overlooked, quite unintentionally, for service pins and other awards because nothing was done at the patrol level. Charles Benbow, our Awards Advisor, does an outstanding job, but depends on you for input. Get your nominations in to him.

HISTORIAN — ARCHIVIST

Patricia Harris has accepted this new office. Please send her any old records, pictures, clippings, slides, etc. of patrol or ski area activities. See article on page 3. Thanks, Pat!

SOUTHERN DIVISION WELCOMES LAKEWOOD VILLAGE SKI RESORT, CATLETTSBURG, KENTUCKY

Randy Avery did a super job of organizing a patrol from scratch with Ray Postlethwait as PL. Central Division cooperated magnificently for which we are most grateful.

WELCOME JIM FADDEN

Jim comes to us from International Division. He is a National, former RD in Europe, an instructor in Avalanche and Ski Mountaineering and will be helping Tom Moss in the T & T program. He sells airplanes and his home address is: 2190 Cedar Forks Drive, Marietta, GA 30062.

S.A.R.

Dale Johnson has accepted a new job in the division as Chairman of Search & Rescue. He will be contacting those trained in Ski Mountaineering and will have an article in Southern Cross.

MOVIES

The division has two copies of the film "A Matter of Decision." It is available at no charge to area managers to help educate their personnel. We also have three copies of "Skiers Choice." This is an excellent film produced by NSAA & NSPS on ski safety. It is suitable for showing to the skiing public (ski clubs, ski area entertainment sessions, etc.). It is also available for loan. Farris Jackson and I have control of both films and Walt Eaton has the third copy of "Skiers Choice." Pass the word. These are excellent teaching films.



SOUTHERN DIVISION SCHEDULE 1980

January	19	Certified Patroller Clinic, Beech Mtn., NC
	20	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Sugar NC
	26	Certified Patroller Test — Ski & Toboggan, Snowshoe, WV
	27	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Cataloochee, NC
February	1-3	Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers, VA
	2-3	Certified Patroller Test — First Aid, Administrative & Oral, Beech Mtn., NC
	4	Southern Cross deadline
	10	Senior Ski & Toboggan Test, Wintergreen, VA
	16	Spaghetti Dinner, Seven Devils, NC
	16-17	Junior Jamboree, Seven Devils, NC
March	2	Basic Test, Gatlinburg, TN
	15-22	Avalanche Patch Course, Bozeman, MT
April	26-27	Spring Convention, Greensboro, NC
	27	Southern Cross deadline
September	13	Fall Officers Meeting, Sugar Mtn., NC

HELP IS NEEDED NOW FOR SENATE BILL S.43

(The National Ski Patrol System Recognition Act)

The NSPS has active patrol units in 42 states, Canada and foreign nations where U. S. government and military personnel are stationed. For the NSPS to continue its service in each individual state, an enormous amount of paperwork is required. As a nonprofit, volunteer organization, the NSPS does not have either the financial or personnel resources to meet the filing fees and registration red tape. Not only would passage of this bill to obtain a National Charter for NSPS recognize the exemplary achievements and dedicated service to people, but it would make the group directly accountable for financial reporting, taxes, and other requirements. This would reduce significantly the amount of time and money the NSPS *must raise* to stay in operation. Other organizations that have a "Good Samaritan" purpose and function very well with federal charters are The American Red Cross and the Boy Scouts of America.

The NSPS has been seeking a federal charter for over a decade, but so far the bill has been "buried" in committee. Now Senator Orrin G. Hatch, R-UT, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, feels there is a good chance that the committee will report the bill to the floor of the Senate. In order to do this, he needs support. If YOU haven't written as yet — NOW IS THE TIME!

There are now twenty seven Senators who have co-sponsored Senate Bill S.43. Six of those are members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. If they can get just *three* more members of this committee to endorse the Bill, it is expected that it would then be favorably passed and voted to the Senate floor. The following five Senators are considered to be most susceptible to our request.

1. Senator Birch Bayh — Indiana
2. Senator Charles Mathias — Maryland
3. Senator Max Baucus — Montana
4. Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. — Delaware
5. Senator Strom Thurmond — South Carolina

It is suggested that you write to these Senators at the following address:

Honorable Senator _____
Member of Senate Judiciary Committee
Washington, D. C. 20510

It would be helpful if you would forward a copy of your letter to Senator Edward Kennedy — Mass., Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and one to Senator Orrin Hatch.

For more information on this subject, please read the article in the April National Patroller — pages 1-4.

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NATIONAL CHARTER

We need a flood of letters to Congressmen. If you haven't written, do so today! See article next column.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This committee will meet Saturday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m. at Cascade Resort, Fancy Gap, VA. All officers, advisors, and patrollers are invited to submit ideas and/or problems.

SPRING MEETING

We are hoping for a big turnout for our meeting to be held in Greensboro, NC on April 26-27. We chose this area because it is located centrally in the division. Make your reservations now! This is a fun meeting. (See below)

Have a super season!

C. Harwell Dabbs, M.D.
Division Director

NEWS RELEASE

ATTENTION: All Patrollers

Your annual spring get together will be April 26-27, 1980. Please make your reservations now! We have a block of rooms reserved until April 10. Reserve your room by sending the enclosed card to Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge. Come to Greensboro and enjoy the fellowship and ideas from other patrollers throughout the Southern Division.

There will be a short business session in the morning in which you can have your say. In the afternoon there will be a workshop and general information.

We will also be next to one of the largest shopping centers in the area; indoor pool, tennis and golf will be available, tours to historical sights and much, much more! Make your plans now!

For any information call Charles Benbow or David Dillard.

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Lancaster, OH 43130

REFLECTIONS OF YOUR DIVISION DIRECTOR

The Practice of Patrolling
"Learn as to live forever;
Live as to die tomorrow."

Ski patrolling is a lot like the practice of medicine. First you're a candidate (medical school), then you get your degree (pass your basic test) and you think you've got it made. Right? Wrong! Your career is just beginning. Every day is a new challenge; every case is a little different. You study each new problem, and handle it as best you can with the knowledge and skills you have at that point in your career. Then you review the way you handled it afterward, being honest with yourself, attuning your senses to any errors, or any way it could have been handled better. You learn . . . from reading, from asking questions of those more experienced, from attending courses (refreshers) and from your own experience. The *Practice of Patrolling*. It's a never ending process of learning, challenge and satisfaction of a job well-done!

As I travel around the Southern Division, visiting with old friends and meeting new ones, I continue to be impressed with the quality of our patrollers and candidates. We come from all walks of life: teachers, students, housewives, doctors, lawyers, businessmen. But no matter what the "civilian job," you can see what they all have in common — that dedication to the ideals of The Patrol — that striving for excellence in the Practice of Patrolling.

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JUNIOR JAMBOREE

The Southern Division Junior Jamboree will be held February 16-17 at Seven Devils Ski Resort. Juniors planning to participate should register between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the ski lodge. Competition will be judged on practical first aid, written first aid, skiing and toboggan handling. All Juniors in the Southern Division are welcome to test their skills. The winner this year will go to Anchorage, Alaska, March 4-7 for the National Junior Jamboree with Southern Division paying all expenses.

Anyone who does not live in the Boone area and needs a place to stay should contact me at Seven Devils Ski Area (704-963-4306) at least a week in advance. Spectators are encouraged to come out and cheer their favorite Junior(s) on to victory.

Steve Benbow
Junior Adv.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

This popular event usually accompanies the Junior Jamboree at Seven Devils Ski Area. As of now, it is "up in the air" this year. We hope to be able to hold it on February 16, so save the date and wait for further news.

Steve Benbow, PL

FOR THE RECORDS

Chalk up another "first" for our Southern Division. This time it's thanks to our DD Harwell Dabbs who, in case any of you 400+ out there don't know, is an MD. To be more specific, he's a general and thoracic surgeon, the Chief of Surgery at Chamberlain Memorial Hospital in Rockwood, TN.

The "first" part of the story comes down from AND Harry Pollard, who reports that HD is the first MD to become a DD. . . which in this case could stand for doubly dangerous.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

SKI MOUNTAINEERING

Remember, (M) and Mountaineering Patch courses require pre-registration on forms published in Southern Cross, Volume VIII, Number 4. Be sure to fill in all necessary information and send it to the instructor with the appropriate fee (M) \$3.00, Patch \$10.00.

The ski mountaineering film "In Winter's Domain" is a 1978 motion picture by the Denver Audubon Society on the winter environment and philosophy for preparing for winter emergencies. It is available from me for use by ski mountaineering instructors. (See new address on page 2.)

Southern Division has a new division mountaineering instructor. D. Mike Silver was appointed on November 25th.

Norman Bishop
Mountaineering Adv.

NATIONAL INSTRUCTORS

Southern Division is proud to have among its members three new Registered National Ski Mountaineering Instructors: Steve Waldrep, Norm Bishop and John Lawrence.

In a letter written to each of these men, Hans M. Roder, National Ski Mountaineering Advisor, said that NSPS recognizes "your achievements and the time you have volunteered by awarding you its highest designation in the Ski Mountaineering discipline."

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

JOB FILLED

In the last issue of Southern Cross there was a "HELP WANTED" article. Our D.D. asked for someone to be Historian-Archivist for the division. We are most grateful this position has been filled and hope that YOU will do your best to help her with this enormous task. She asked that the following letter be printed.

"Dear Fellow Patrollers,

I answered the help wanted ad in the September issue of your Southern Cross, the job and task of Historian-Archivist for the Southern Division. Guess what, I was officially appointed this duty by Mr. Harwell Dabbs on November 10, 1979. Now I need each and everyone of you to HELP me.

I am just a candidate for the ski patrol at Beech Mtn. this year and a "greenhorn" to the organization but I am willing to work and learn about it.

What I need from you are pictures, slides, newspaper articles, old memos, or anything that has to do with our Southern Division patrols and patrollers. I would like to put together a scrapbook starting from 1971 when the division was founded and going through the 1979-80 ski season. Without your help this will not be possible. Please date your pictures, specify patrol, area, and year if possible. Dig back through your old files and let's see what all you can come up with. I will accept anything!

I hope to collect and compile all the information and data that I receive from you throughout this winter ski season and by spring I plan to start putting it together in scrapbook form. I also hope to publish a history portion of the Southern Division as soon as possible but as you all know, a great deal depends upon the support and help I get from fellow patrollers.

I plan to attend as many ski patrol functions as I can and although I do not know you, I would appreciate your introducing yourself to me and giving me any ideas that you may have for this project. After all, it's for your division too.

I am looking forward to getting to know you and to receiving your pictures and other information about your patrol; so let's get the ball rolling and get things started NOW!

Patsy Harris
Rt. 4, Box 362
Granite Falls, N. C. 28630
Home Phone — 396-2475
Work Phone — 396-1741"



SKI MOUNTAINEERING IS FUN!!

Instructors from the Wolf Laurel Ski Patrol conducted the courses Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at Brevard and the Pisgah Nat'l. Forest. Over 30 people originally signed up for the course but a cold wave sent temperatures, and interest, plummeting. The Friday night classroom portion of the (M) included winter clothing, heat and water management, caloric needs, topographic map study, and winter camping techniques. Eight participants attended the (A) conducted by Ron Geist and 7 participants plus the instructors hit the trail on a cold, crisp afternoon for a 3½ mile walk to camp.

Temperatures the night before had reached 10 degrees and a new cold wave was approaching, but spirits were high and "Butch" Godwin was leading the way with his newly acquired topographic skills. ("I'm not lost . . . the map is!"), Eddy Coleman was wearing bells on his pack to keep the bears away ("You don't see any bears, do you!"), and Carl "Bear" Mimms was wearing bells on his pack to keep from being mistaken for same and being shot by hunters. After establishing camp, Steve Whitmire and Butch prepared a dinner of baked bread, wild rice, and steak, while the remainder of the group choked down freeze dried food. Mike Breiner made all of us happy it was cold talking about his hobby . . . snakes! Melinda Waldrep modeled the latest in winter fashion by wearing everything in her pack as the evening grew colder. Randy Flynn tried the mind-over-matter method of coping with the cold, but had to concede when his brain froze. Mike Silver demonstrated the fine art of digging hasty latrines many times during the night. On Sunday the group hiked out over an extremely rugged trail involving rock to be climbed, heavy brush to be negotiated, and trail sections with a 60 percent gradient. One rock section was covered in sheet ice and involved members physically lifting and pushing each other in a human chain. The group reached the high point of the climb to be treated to a magnificent panoramic view. The remainder of the trip involved a simple ridge traverse and descent via a creek drainage. The highest temperature for the walk out was 25 degrees recorded at mid-day. The group completed the loop by 2:30 p.m., having walked a distance of 9½ miles during the course.

Steve Waldrep
Registered Nat'l. SMI

Lance Webb, Sky Valley's PL, claims his patrol held "the world's first ski safety refresher" on Nov. 3.

In line with our division's emphasis on ski safety this year, Lance made the refresher a registration requirement for this season. This, of course, was with the approval of his SC Walter Eaton, who is also Division Ski Safety Advisor.

The program, taking up the better part of one day plus an evening, was a patrol effort. Beginning with a pre-test, which was to be answered and returned ahead of time, the actual refresher included Walter's 15-point Guidelines to Ski Safety and a discussion of implementing them; a 30-minute film, "Skier's Choice," produced by NSPS and Safeco; conditioning exercises oriented towards patrollers; what to say and do with raw beginners, i.e. pre-ski school, bus groups, etc. Twenty-three "ski do's" . . . dress, equipment, ski courtesy, etc.; a search and rescue exercise; safety tips; safety check lists; the "Challenge of Skiing" brochure. The final item: a night lift evacuation.

Participating in various portions of the program were Bill Warner, Bill Moody, Peggy Chandler, Mike Chandler, Bill Farrell, Bruce McLean, Norm Bishop, N. C. York, Walter Eaton and Lance Webb.

Copies of the pre-test are available from Lance Webb. Copies of the film, "Skier's Choice," suggested for ski clubs, area management, etc., can be gotten from our DD, ADD, Ski Safety Advisor or me.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

NATIONAL SKI PATROL TRAINS AT SAPPHIRE

Reprinted from *The Highlander*, Thursday, Nov. 1, 1979, pg. 6



ATTEMPTING A SIMULATED EVACUATION, these members of the Ski Patrol are using a sliding basket to get passengers down from a stopped ski lift. The Patrol practices these procedures in the event the lift should break down or the power fail and other safety operations can not be carried on.

PATROL NEWS

Appalachian Ski Mountain

Would you have been ready? The mountain is open, the second day of the season. Great snow, 18 degrees, a sunny Sunday afternoon. The day is almost gone. The lift stops, must be taking the sled back to the top, we ran practice today. There's one of the Junior Patrollers moving faster than I have ever seen him move before, heads for the patrol director and the mountain manager . . . the bull-wheel's broken . . . EVAC!

Minds racing . . . grab the evac plan . . . start to assemble . . . make announcements . . . two patrollers at the top when it happened, good . . . lift evac packs out and getting deployed . . . teams assembled . . . 4 wheel drive ready to take teams to the top . . . crowd controlled . . . deploy teams . . . time gone: 8 minutes. Announcements to reassure passengers again . . . evacuation underway.

Clockwork, the teams look great . . . and we need it now, still 18 degrees and getting colder . . . every chair full but one, starting to get them out faster now. Time flies, it's almost over . . . hot chocolate and coffee in the lodge for the cold ones . . . maybe some frostbite . . . all clear, check equipment, get inside.

Super job, sixty-two minutes, sixty-nine people evacuated, no injuries, management very satisfied. Those who were there with me: Blake Brown, Ingrid Brown, Tracy Bumgarner, E. B. Fox, Carolyn Harper, Paul Harper, Butch McLean, Mary Ruth Martin, Malcolm Roberts, Mike Spencer, Chris Wilcox, Mark Wilks, Wythe Wilson. You had to have been there to know we were prepared.

Sam Bruce, PL



Cataloochee

Bill Dunaway is the only Southern Division patroller selected to serve on the Olympic Patrol at Lake Placid for the 1980 Games. Congratulations!

The patrol has just purchased two more radios for on-the-hill communication. We now have 4 radios available for use.

Robert Newton has organized a number of fund raising activities for the patrol. The newest is a "Ski Watch." For a fee of 25 cents, a skier can put their skis on the deck and be sure they are safe while having lunch. Volunteers man the "Watch."

Some major alterations were made in the patrol room to make it more functional. This has been a "rainy day" patrol activity. Special thanks to Roy Davis, Don Jones, Pete Knowland and Mary K. Twomey.

Rick Roberts, PL

Sugar Mountain

Tim Tumbiola, Asst. PL and I attended the Lift Evacuation Seminar at Seven Devils, October 27th and 28th along with the following Pro Patrollers: David Childs, Steve Clymer, Doug Groce, Stace Horine, Jack Thompson and Will Thompson. Joe White, a Junior Candidate, Tom Peterson, an instructor and Bob Kunhardt, Sugar's Asst. Manager, also attended.

We would all like to publicly thank those at Seven Devils who made it possible and the instructors, Keith Gray and John Lawrence who gave their time and some outstanding instruction. Everyone showed a very enthusiastic attitude for the 79-80 ski season.

Sherry Perry, Pro PL

On Sunday, January 6th seven candidates from Sugar Mtn. Patrol passed their Basic Test at Seven Devils Ski Area. We congratulate the following patrollers: Charley Causey, Steve Clymer, Mary Sheryl Horine, Beth Johnson, Tim Tumbiola, Joe White and Hank Wilkinson.

Wolf Laurel

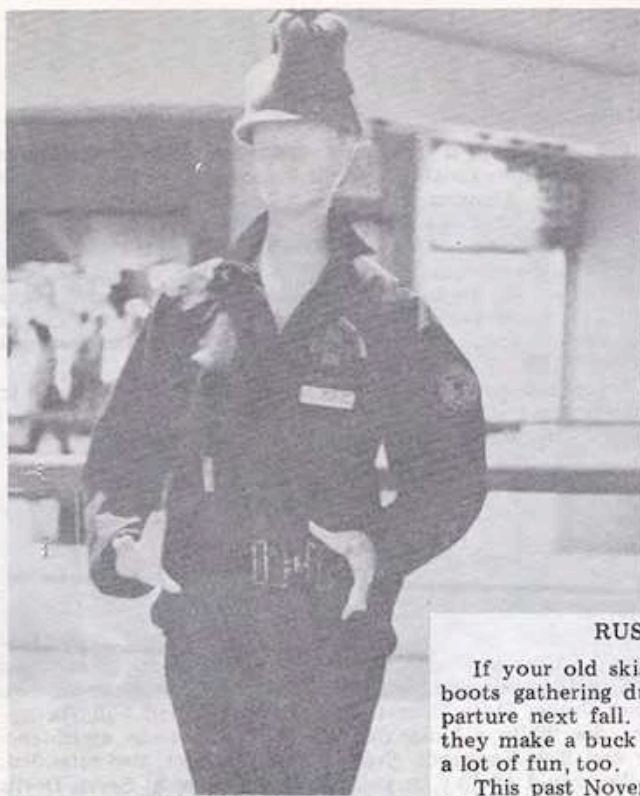
The season for the Wolf Laurel Patrol began in October with the Candidate Training Program.

In order to insure a quality future patroller, we conducted an average of 4 day-long pre-season sessions which included NSPS policy, first aid instruction with role play, and physical fitness.

Our fall patrol meeting concluded with several exciting changes. We divided the patrol using the team concept. One team will cover for an entire weekend, then rotate off duty until obligated again. Members of non-scheduled teams are encouraged to attend through liberal patrol policies. A work weekend was organized to re-design the patrol room and lounge for function. A close working relationship with the ski area resulted in the supply of building materials, first aid supplies, and another cascade. Patrollers and candidates volunteered time and materials to do the actual construction. Changes included a more efficient quick splint, the construction of the latest design in backboards, first aid storage, ski and equipment storage, and professionally prepared NSPS and Southern Division signs. A new SOP manual is being prepared to include all eventualities likely to be incurred at or near the ski area.

Equipment and facility changes are not the only changes worthy of recognition. The patrol now has a Nationally Registered Ski Mountaineering Instructor, as well as a new Division Mountaineering Instructor, 2 Advanced First Aid Instructors and 1 CPR Instructor. According to nationally supplied statistics, Wolf Laurel has 2% of all EMT's registered as patrollers in the NSPS.

Steve Waldrep, PL



RUST AND DUST . . . GOODBYE

If your old skis are getting rusty edges and your tired ski boots gathering dust in your attic, make plans for their departure next fall. Take them to a swap shop. Not only can they make a buck for Southern Division . . . but you can have a lot of fun, too.

This past November I accepted an invitation to attend the Greensboro Swap Shop. (Did I say "attend?" That's Greensboro-ian for "work!"). But fun it was, and profitable too. Not only for Sou Div NSPS, but for the customers. Over \$5000 worth of used ski equipment and clothing changed hands at what had previously been dubbed "the step child of swap shops." One Saturday customer said, "I buy all my kids' stuff here, and sell their old stuff too." She had just bought \$218 worth of "new" equipment, plus the happiest purchase of all: a pair of "so comfortable!" leather buckle boots for herself, for the nifty sum of \$3.00.

Southern Division's representative to the Junior Jamboree in Alaska this year will be travelling courtesy of the Greensboro sale. A check for \$520.85 was mailed to Treasurer Jim Underwood earmarked for this purpose, thanks to the sales efforts of Charles and Doris Benbow, Cindy, Chuck and Steve Benbow, Dave and Madge Dillard, Bob Edwards, Frank Feeney, Heiner Erhlich, Don Horn, Sherry Perry, Fritz Marquardt, and I hope I haven't forgotten anybody.

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HARWELL'S HOT LINE



January was a discouraging month, to say the least. It was literally "June in January" with many areas shut down for days at a time. It was only through sheer determination and that indomitable optimism which motivates ski area operators that *any* of them survived. Mark Twain said "Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it." But he was wrong! Guess who *did* do something. Seven Devils hired a bunch of gen-you-wine Cherokee Indians to put on a Snow Dance . . . and it worked. I understand they got national news coverage but don't know if it "made" the Southern Cross or not.

Congratulations to Southern Division's two new patrol leaders — Richard Weinberger, Smoky Mtn. Nordic and Maj. Paul Harper, Jr., Mill Ridge. We are pleased to announce that Mike Harris, Beech Mtn. patrol, has accepted the new position of Advertising Manager for Southern Cross.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Ye olde Executive Committee met as scheduled at Cascade Saturday, January 19 at 1 p.m. There was nary a snow flake on that lovely hill but George Sanborn (P.L. and S.C.) and Jerry Liles (Mountain Manager) came over and were perfectly gracious hosts. Anyone who hasn't been there should go and ski Cascade. It's a nice run.

Saturday morning before the meeting, Farris and Susan Jackson and I drove over to High Meadows and met with their new manager Clyde G. ("Chunky") Reavis. They weren't open either, but we had a nice visit with "Chunky" who is also part owner and a pleasant, jovial fellow.

The committee meeting went well with very few pyrotechnics. We are in good shape financially, although the fund raising is going *very slowly*. (Help! Help! Keep those names coming in.)

We pinned down the format for the Spring Convention which you will see elsewhere in this issue. We will not have another Executive Committee Meeting until Saturday, April 26 at 7:30 (breakfast). Again let me repeat that anyone who is NSPS registered is invited to attend these. We were honored to have our Southern Cross Editor, Bobbie Rupp; Safety Advisor and S.C. Walt Eaton and our effervescent P.R. Advisor Benning Garrison as visitors at the Executive Committee Meeting. We appreciated their attendance and contributions.

AWARDS AND SERVICE PINS

Nominations for awards should be initiated *now*, and sent to Charles Benbow. It takes time for them to be processed and voted on by the committee. Each Patrol should have an Awards Officer to assume this responsibility if the P.L. doesn't do it himself.

Charles Benbow has pointed out to me that *service pin awards are the responsibility of each P.L.* So, henceforth the Awards Committee will make no attempt to act on these. Each P.L. needs to review his roster, see who is eligible, order the pins and *present* the pins. Period!! I think it is more meaningful to present something like this at a meeting, although this is up to each P.L. You may present these at your own Patrol Meeting, at the Spring Convention or at the Fall Officers Meeting. This is *your* prerogative. If you plan to do this at a Division Meeting let us know.

SPRING CONVENTION

Let's have a *big turnout* at Greensboro! See the enclosed flyer.

The Executive Meeting will be Saturday morning (breakfast) to tidy up loose ends. All are invited. The Board of Directors Meeting (open to all attendees) will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. You are reminded that all current Patrol Leaders are voting members of the Board. An agenda will be mailed out to the Board ahead of the meeting. *Please* send me any business, motions or resolutions you want to be presented, in the interest of having a streamlined, expeditiously run session. We will have consolidated reports from Line Officers and selected Advisors.

For the Awards Banquet we are fortunate in having N.D. Don Williams who will speak to us on "NSPS, Present and Future." I told him he could talk just as long as he wanted to . . . as long as it didn't exceed thirty minutes!

The workshops last year were a tremendous success. I'd like to see every Patrol Leader with a big delegation there to help us wind up the season with a bang!! Come one. Come all — and make your reservations now!

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Division Director

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THE NSPS CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER MOVES AHEAD

Progress is being made on behalf of the National Ski Patrol Recognition Act. The Senate Judiciary Committee has approved Senate Bill 43. It now needs only full Senate approval and passage of the companion bill in the House of Representatives — House Bill 2279.

Our supportive efforts must not wane. Letters, telephone calls or personal contacts to your Representatives are needed now more than ever. Please ask them to not only support this bill but to co-sponsor it along with Congressman Kemp.

A personal letter is better than a form letter. Points that you can stress include: (1) we are members of the largest *volunteer* winter rescue organization (24,000); (2) we've provided over 40 years of continuous *voluntary* service to the skiing public; (3) this legislation will help reduce paperwork, interstate legal complexities at a time when these are exploding; (4) it will help the N.S.P.S. maintain its flexibility and responsiveness to skiers and ski areas throughout this great nation.

Finally, my special thanks to each of you who has supported these efforts. Let's not stop now! Keep those letters going to your Representatives along with an occasional reminder to your Senator until this act is passed.

Roger Bollinger
So. Div. Coordinator Congressional Charter

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REP

On Page 9 of the most recent "National Patroller" is a questionnaire each of us has been asked to fill out, concerning our first aid qualifications, our likes and dislikes about the training in it. The purpose of the questionnaire is to help the National Staff know how we feel about the first aid aspect of our patrolling, and what might better it.

ND Don Williams asked for the formation of an ad hoc committee to analyze and formulate information from the questionnaire, which will be presented at the next National meeting.

DD Harwell Dabbs has appointed Sam Bruce, Appalachian PL, as Southern Division's representative on this committee. It will help a lot if all of you will complete the questionnaire and return it to the Denver office promptly.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

!!! CONVENTION GUEST SPEAKER !!!

If you haven't already made plans to attend the Division's Spring Convention in Greensboro, do it now. For more reasons than one, two or three.

We are very lucky that ND Don Williams has accepted "with alacrity and enthusiasm" the invitation issued last month by DD Harwell Dabbs to be guest speaker at the banquet. His topic will be "NSPS Today and Tomorrow."

Let's have an extra big turnout for our ND. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

SPRING CONVENTION

ATTENTION: ALL PATROLLERS

Your annual spring get together will be April 26-27, 1980. Please make your reservations now! We have a block of rooms reserved until April 10. Rates are \$33.00 single, \$42.00 double. Reserve your room by sending the enclosed card to Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge. Come to Greensboro and enjoy the fellowship and ideas from other patrollers throughout the Southern Division.

There will be a short business session in the morning and all are welcome to participate and share ideas. In the afternoon there will be a workshop and general information.

We will be next to one of the largest shopping centers in the area; indoor pool, tennis and golf will be available, tours to historical sights and much, much more! Make your plans now!

For any information call Charles Benbow or David Dillard.

PUBLICITY, WHERE ARE YOU?

This was to be The Year of the Patroller, but so far, few reports, if any, have come my way to tell me what anyone has been doing. Have you all faded into oblivion?

I am, within the next few days, mailing letters to each PL within the division, asking him or her to appoint a PR advisor within the patrol. I'm willing to work with that person to help publicize what we do, but we'll also need something to publicize, something to work with. That's where each of you patrollers come in. Don't hesitate to check with your patrol leader to see who has been appointed within your patrol, and then tell that person something important about you.

Surely with a membership of 512 in Southern Division, something is going on! Help me spread the word, please.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

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Bill Dunaway, Marietta, GA, resident and Cataloochee ski patroller, is at Lake Placid right now; and not just as a spectator. Bill is one of the 60 NSPS patrollers selected to serve during the 1980 Winter Olympics. And he's Southern Division's only representative!

"I lucked out," said Bill modestly, when asked what it took to become part of this elite group. Maybe some of it was luck — luck, that as president of a family owned drug store chain, he could take time off three years ago for the tryouts at Lake Placid . . . but 349 other hopefuls were trying out too; luck, that he survived a disastrous fall-after-fall first run down the 3200-foot vertical of Whiteface — "Above midway, there's only one intermediate trail; everything else is expert. That mountain can rip you apart" . . . but he came back with one of the could-do-no-wrong sort that gave him lasting, unbreakable confidence; luck, that he was one of 100 asked back for a week or more of training each year since . . . 250 weren't. After that, luck took a back seat.

"Our first aid skills were assumed," he said, "but the toboggan test was highly formalized. Then came the skiing. Not so formal but strict standards with emphasis on strength and endurance. 'Come ski with me . . . all day' was the idea." And ski he did: "Five consecutive non-stop runs, nothing but expert trails; ice, crud, you name it — and no falls. I made it, somehow. Probably the best five runs of my life. But my legs afterwards — pure jelly."

Bill spoke of the duties they'll have during these weeks: of being on the lifts at 7 each morning, 6 if it snowed the night before, because once the courses are set, no machines groom, only people. He told of the 20 professionals who make up the rest of the patrol, and how they'll all work together, some in three-man teams at trailsides on accidents, others like himself on a 15-man roving team providing back up for the smaller teams, maintaining the courses, escorting the winners — "glorified go-fers."

The patrol will be dressed in uniforms of bright blue with large gold crosses on bibs; (they'll be given the uniforms, as well as new boots, skis and poles); so keep an eye out when you're watching the Games on TV.

Bill can speak with humility and insist it was all luck. But I talked to him before he left. I sensed his respect for Lake Placid pro PL Don Taylor — "cut out of wood . . . a hell of a skier," shared his excitement over working with people like that; saw his pride in representing Southern Division at such a prestigious event.

We — all of Southern Division — are proud, too, of you, Bill; our Olympic emissary.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

Richard Weinberg is taking over the Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol. Jim Scott has had this position since the formation of the patrol and we thank him for his dedication. Richard, 34-year-old project administrator of the Cumberland Trail, with the division of planning and development of the Tennessee Department of Conservation, isn't new to patrolling. He's been on this nordic patrol for three years, and is an alpine candidate at Ober Gatlinburg. He's the Mountain SAR advisor for the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad, an Advanced First Aid and CPR instructor, and is a Division Ski Mountaineering instructor. A graduate of UT, he holds a BS and MS in education.

Maj. Paul R. Harper Jr. is the new PL at Mill Ridge, replacing Bill Schwabenton. Paul, who patrols regularly on the Appalachian patrol, is in the U.S. Army, currently heading up the ROTC program at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. See "Address Changes" on page 2.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

PATROL NEWS

Wintergreen

Even though natural snow was in short supply, the management of Wintergreen was able to get Eagle Swoope and the new Devil's Gate run open in time for our Basic Test on Jan. 12 and 13. Ten new candidates turned out on Saturday morning for the First Aid and administrative parts of the test. After a busy Saturday spent on written tests and practical first aid we moved to the slopes on Sunday for the skiing portion of the Basic Test. Those who passed are: Joe Clark, David Conner, Mark Pest, Nice Singletary and Ed Walshe.

Weather has given the areas in the South, as well as elsewhere, trouble this season in lack of natural snowfall. However, as of January 27, Wintergreen was skiing all but two slopes. Those of us on the Ski Patrol must say "thanks" to the management for a super job of snowmaking this season.

The next big event at Wintergreen will be February 9 and 10, when the Section Senior Test will be held. We'll be looking forward to seeing y'all.

Randy Pugh

Sapphire Valley



Ski Patrollers have been busy training candidates at Sapphire Valley. Left to right are Mike Breiner, Carl Mimms, Bill Farmer, Terri Sizemore and Butch Godwin.

Terri Sizemore

THE DIRECTOR REFLECTS MT. ROGERS REVISITED

Last week-end was a real learning experience for your decrepit old Division Director. I took my circle M several years ago and learned a lot of good stuff from "Olde Tyme Charlie" Clif Amundsen and Dale "Namu of the North" Johnson but really didn't get the Winter Mountaineering "bug." I kept hearing, year after year, about "what a great time" everyone had at the Mt. Rogers Mountaineering Patch Course. This report appeared to be authenticated by the ever increasing numbers who "took the course" and also by the repeaters.

Now, I must confess I'm one who really likes his creature comforts and didn't relish the idea of climbing up there and spending two whole days and nights in the cold white stuff especially since I'm not exactly at home on skinny skis or tennis racquets either one. But here I'd gotten myself elected your D.D. and it seemed incumbent on me, somehow, to go out with this fearless group to conquer Mt. Rogers.

So I read all the literature Frenchie sent out, the book Norm Bishop sent (Moving On by Harry Roberts — I heartily recommend it). I took it as my Bible for this Holy Quest. After a visit to my old friend Clif Amundsen to borrow the basics, I shopped the back-packers for fishnet underwear, the Army Surplus Stores for old woolens and such. I packed, weighed, repacked and weighed again. I was so proud, thirty-two pounds! Tent, food everything. I thought "This'll be a snap."

Then I went up early and spent the night with Frenchie Moore, our Fearless Leader for the assault. He suggested we buddy up, divide our equipment and supplies, which sounded like a great idea, since he was an old hand at this. "We should take my tent," he said "because it has a frost barrier, and my stove because it's more dependable." (It broke my heart to leave my brand new Coleman Peak I which I had gotten for such a bargain.) And then the food! Enough for a small army. "Frenchie," I said, "I don't eat nearly that much." "But you've got to eat 5,000 calories a day to generate enough heat to keep warm" he answered as he threw in another ziplock full of freeze-dried beef almondine, margarine, chicken soup and cocoa. "Better take this ensolite pad for the floor of the tent, for good measure."

Departure time came Friday and guess what my thirty two pound pack weighed in at. You guessed it, sixty four pounds. I never did find out what Frenchie's weighed. I was too polite to ask. After all he was the host and Fearless Leader.

After all the class room work was finished, off we went in convoy to the jumping off place. There in the dark with the temperature around 0 and the wind gusting to 30 mph we groped around for our packs and stuff, getting organized into groups. Then a heavenly light appeared in the form of a Coleman lantern. Bless Howard James and all his descendants! He always turned up in time of need. Finally we were off, trudging along in those unaccustomed, cumbersome contrivances called snow-shoes. The bindings wouldn't stay in place over the boxy toes of my brand new, super-duper Herman Survivors (Boy, but they keep my feet warm).

The raw hide bindings were so cold I couldn't tighten 'em up enough to do any good and kept walking out of the darn things. Besides everytime I bent over to do anything I nearly toppled from my super-pack. Then, we hit a steep transverse with a four foot snow drift! Now, let's see, what did Harry Roberts say about traversing in snow-shoes? Oh yes, something about wedging the shoe in if the snow would hold. Wedge, wedge, plop! Plop! The snow didn't hold and there was your illustrious D.D. down on his sixty two pound pack and as immobilized and helpless as a turtle turned upside down. Dale Johnson and good old Howard James to the rescue. A line from the "Bard" kept running thru my hypothermic brain "what fools these mortals be!"

Up, up and away again, slogging along, wondering idly as the yards went by, if my brachial plexus had been severed yet or was just slightly avulsed. Breathing ok. Legs ok. No chest pain, but that agonizing aching pain in the pectoral region from the straps. Guess who came to my rescue? You guessed it. Honorary Southern Division member, Howard James of the

Abingdon Rescue Squad. "Doc, we can just tie this cord across between the straps, not too low to cut off your breath and not too high to choke you." Eureka, it worked! My brachial plexus wasn't severed after all. It wasn't even bruised.

Finally, after countless eons we reached the bivouac site and saw the lights of those super-athletes who had outdistanced us. Harold James, yours truly, Dale Johnson and Cindy and Charles Benbow had brought up the rear. "They said it was only 1.9 miles and a 5 degree grade but I think someone pointed off in the wrong place.

Anyway, that was a welcome site, the lights dancing in the darkness, forming intricate patterns in a fairy land of snow covered trees, friendly faces and cheery voices. Frenchie had already tramped out a bivouac site for our tent and helped me out of my pack, which by now weighed about ninety six pounds. Blessed relief! I immediately began buttoning up, zipping up and put on my down parka. (Bless you Harry Roberts!) so as not to get chilled. The temperature got down to 15 below zero that night on the mountain and I'm not sure what the chill factor was, somewhat upstream from absolute zero I'd guess.

When we finally got into that sleeping bag, inside the "bivvy" sack, inside the tent, however, I slept "toasty warm".

The next morning (Saturday) Fearless Leader Frenchie Moore turned into Heartless Taskmaster as he ruthlessly put us through our scheduled courses of navigation, shelter building, transportation, firebuilding etc. culminating in a late afternoon Search and Rescue exercise that turned into a Jim-Dandy. I was really proud of "the troops", as they searched for the victims of a simulated plane crash. I don't know what Heartless Taskmaster thought but I thought it was an excellent exercise.

I've left out all the meals of course, which took about half our time. Frenchie and I subsisted on our freeze-dried fare while drooling over Charles Benbow's country ham and real eggs, Dave Dillard and Dale Johnson's gourmet concoctions of smoked oysters and mushrooms laced with imported wine. Ours must have worked to stoke the furnace, however, since I didn't get hypothermic—not even one bit.

The trek back Sunday was sheer joy. The sun was out in a beautiful deep blue sky, the trail a winter wonderful of delicate white sculpture and the trail all down-hill. My spirits soared as I neared the bottom and realized I had come through the course with no frost-bite, no hypothermia, no coronary (except the one I "faked" as a victim during the S & R exercise). Hillary couldn't have been more elated when he scaled Everest. I had conquered Mt. Rogers!

Seriously, it is an exhilarating experience, just to do it. The camaraderie is unbelievable. It is thrilling to know that we have people in our Division who are ready, willing, and able to go out there in the cold and snow, and be able to function in a very real sense as rescuers of victims who would perish otherwise. The Benbows, Frenchie Moore, Norm Bishop, Dale Johnson, Dave Dillard, John Lawrence, Lynn Pace, Richard Weinberger, Tom Thomas, Steve Waldrep, Mike Silvers, Sam Bruce, Gary Delius (who came all the way from New Jersey to help), and on, and on. It is impossible to convey by words alone the feeling of confidence that gradually comes over one as you learn to survive in that hostile environment. Why do we do it? Who knows? Perhaps Tennyson summed it up well in his poem Ulysses.

"To sail beyond the sunset and the baths of all the western stars until I die.

To follow knowledge like a sinking star beyond the utmost bounds of human thought.

To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

This, after all is what it takes to survive in the winter wilderness.

C. Harwell Dabbs, M.D.



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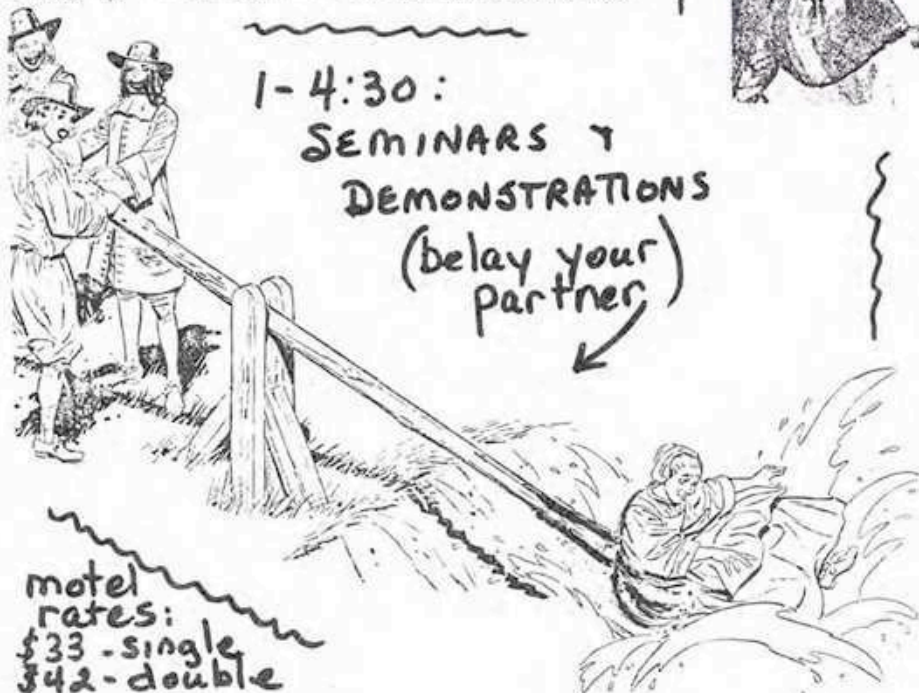
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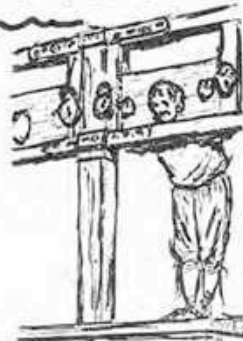
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NEW ADVERTISING MANAGER

"The Southern Cross" has an advertising manager. Mike Harris, a Basic Patroller at Beech Mountain, has enthusiastically accepted his appointment as advertising manager for our Division newspaper.

Mike, whose wife Patsy has recently become Southern Division's Historian-Archivist, will be responsible for all advertising.

Please supply Mike with names of persons and shops interested in advertising throughout Southern Division. His address is Route 4, Box 362, Granite Falls, NC 28630. Home phone: 704-396-2475.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

JUNIOR JAMBOREE

The Southern Division Junior Jamboree will be held February 16-17 at Seven Devils Ski Resort. Juniors planning to participate should register between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. in the ski lodge. Competition will be judged on practical first aid, written first aid, skiing, toboggan handling and various ski patrol skills. All Juniors in the Southern Division are welcome to test their skills. The winner this year will go to Anchorage, Alaska, March 4-7 for the National Junior Jamboree with Southern Division paying all expenses.

Anyone who does not live in the Boone area and needs a place to stay should contact me at Seven Devils Ski Area (704-963-4306) at least a week in advance. Spectators are encouraged to come out and cheer their favorite Junior(s) on to victory.

Steve Benbow
Junior Adv.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

This popular event will be held again this year at Seven Devils Ski Area. The date is February 16, the same weekend as the Junior Jamboree.

Come one, come all for a super supper and a great time with fellow patrollers and their friends. Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m. Cost will be \$5.00.

Steve Benbow, PL

AVALANCHE PATCH COURSE

The 1980 Southern Division Avalanche Patch Course will be held March 15-22 at Bridger Bowl, Bozeman, Montana. Applicants for the course must have successfully completed the Circle A course. There will be a \$35.00 fee for course material and daily transportation. Contact me *now* if you are interested.

Accommodations have been arranged in Bozeman at \$22 per day, double occupancy. Airline reservations must be made individually and should be made as soon as possible. Both Frontier and Northwest serve Bozeman.

Send as soon as possible, as we are limited in the number of participants.

To apply, complete the following information and send it with a check made out to me.

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SKI MOUNTAINEERING

Over 60 people participated in the Fifth Southern Division Ski Mountaineering Patch course held at Mt. Rogers, Virginia, Feb. 1-3, the largest in Ski Patrol history.

Overcoming the 14 below zero temperature Friday night, the group had a "fantastic" weekend. The course began Friday noon with classes on winter survival, weather, food, proper clothing and winter first aid. After supper the group moved to the staging area, then by snowshoes and cross country skis, the cold trek to Deep Gap began.

40 and 50 pound packs took their toll early. Strong backs and sore muscles accepted the challenge. Under the full bright moon, the group, tired and wet with sweat, arrived at the campsite.

Tents being erected, people moving at a rapid pace, an army of Ski Patrollers had arrived to respect and participate with Mother Nature.

The Saturday morning call was missed by none. The ever present cold had been felt by all during the night. The first job of the day — make breakfast. Not hard back home but with everything frozen somewhat difficult.

Classes in winter travel; camping and bivouac; food, warmth and clothing; route selection; map and compass; transportation of the injured; rope work and a search and rescue were held during the weekend. Patrollers improved their winter environment skills and learned their own limitations.

Many returnees were present but only the Fantastic Four could claim being there *all* five years: Charles Benbow, French Moore, Jr., Howard Jones and Dale Johnson.

Sunday, like Saturday, was clear blue sky, cold temperatures and the anticipation of returning down the trail. It was not all class work. Traveling on the skinny skis without a 50 pound pack was exhilarating, both in daylight and under a full moon. Almost 2 feet of untracked snow called to us to demonstrate our skill.

Yes, there were problems; hypothermia, constant cold, eggs, wine and water frozen solid, eating to keep the inside fires burning, and the evacuation of cold injuries off the mountain.

All overcome as the camp begins to disappear. Tents once large are now in stuff sacks, packs are hoisted on backs, and the newly trained Ski Mountaineers prepare to move back to civilization.

Winding along the tree lined trail, descending the mountain; on each face a smile of satisfaction, the skier emerges from the forest and moves on across the snow covered meadow. Almost finished, the last half-mile to the parking area done. The weekend complete, patrollers saying farewells and driving toward their homes. Their lives changed, thoughts of personal accomplishment and of next year, thinking and wishing soon it will be my fifth.

Sam Bruce

THE WEIRD WAYS OF THE IRS

Reprinted from "Money" magazine, February, 1980

UPHILL STRUGGLE

God loveth a cheerful giver — but the IRS does not. Charles McCollum, his wife and two of his children were members of the National Ski Patrol, a voluntary organization whose members patrol ski areas on skis, rescuing injured skiers. In 1974, the McCollums were assigned by the organization to weekend patrols at Big Bear Mountain, 123 miles away from their home in Huntington Beach, Calif. The family made 15 trips to Big Bear, where they put in 12-hour days on the slopes, starting at 6 a.m.

Unreimbursed costs incurred in performing services donated to a charitable organization normally are deductible. So the McCollums deducted the cost of transportation to the ski area, plus food, lodging, lift tickets and repairs to ski gear. The IRS, however disallowed the deductions on the ground that the family enjoyed skiing and liked the camaraderie of the patrol.

Nonsense, said the Tax Court, reinstating all deductions directly related to the patrol duty. An expense incurred in behalf of a worthy cause is deductible, the court concluded, whether or not the taxpayer had fun running it up.

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HARWELL'S HOT LINE

FALL OFFICERS MEETING

The Fall Officers Meeting at Sugar Mtn. went off smoothly Saturday, September 13. Reports from the two workshops, Leadership and T & T, are printed elsewhere in this issue and document the creative thinking and challenging dialog that went into these sessions. This format for the meeting, adopted experimentally last year, has proven quite good and will be continued. Also printed elsewhere in this issue is the schedule for the coming season, culminating in our Spring Convention at the Omni in Atlanta. Be sure to study the schedule and mark your calendars.

Awards are customarily given at the Spring Convention. We had several that "couldn't wait" a whole season and so at the luncheon meeting we presented the National Outstanding Professional trophy to Sherry Perry and the National Outstanding Junior to Jim Williams. An unexpected event was the presentation of National Appointments to five outstanding Southern Division Patrollers; Farris Jackson, Susan Jackson, Tom Moss, Lynn Pace, and John Newton.

Sherry "did herself proud" again with the arrangements and those who couldn't stay for "Sherry's Shugah Social" Saturday night missed a great time.



THE NATIONAL MEETING

Steve Benbow and I represented the Southern Division at the National Meeting in Stratton Mtn., VT, June 13-15. It was a thrilling and inspiring meeting. First of all the tone of the meeting was much different from the previous ones I had attended as your representative. A new spirit of cooperation and determination to get things done seemed to have swept through the Board of Directors, cleansing it of much of the petty bickering which had characterized the two previous sessions. And a great deal was accomplished. I shall summarize these.

Awards: The new Awards Manual was approved and will soon be available. Nomination for a "National Appointment" now requires Senior status, circle A and circle M. This is a reversal of previous policy which allowed some exceptions to this requirement.

Policies: The Ski Patroller's Manual (Brown Book) is "the most authoritative source of all regulations" of NSPS. First Aid supply program will be continued another year on a trial basis by National office.

Manuals: (1) "NSPS Ski Mountaineering Manual" was approved and will be available in NSPS supply catalog.

(2) "Extended out of Ski Area First Aid for Ski Patrollers" by Warren D. Bowman was discussed at length because of certain legalistic problems. It was approved for continuation with certain disclaimers inserted.

Junior Program: A big boost to the Junior program was the decision to accept a proposal by the Junior Advisory Committee to fund the travel of all Divisional Junior Advisors to the National Junior Training Seminar every year. Steve Benbow discussed this with me and I supported it "to the hilt." This means the National Junior Advisory Committee will meet every year in conjunction with the training seminar. I was most pleased that this passed. The 1981 National Junior Training Seminar will be at Lake Placid, NY, March 22-27. Patrols that do not have viable Junior programs, "get on the ball." These "kids" are the wave of the future.

Insurance: Dick Soper has done an outstanding job in the insurance program. The cost of our liability insurance has actually come down. A Risk Management Manual has been developed by NSAA and he urges that each P.L. study this in conjunction with Area Management, since we "share" exposure with them. Each risk factor is analyzed. The single highest risk factor is Lift Evacuation!

First Aid: The results of the FAST Committee survey are being analyzed and will be published later. Gary Bunce has resigned as National First Aid Advisor. Mark Behan is a "Search Committee" of one to screen candidates for the position before Don Williams makes a decision. We have two announced candidates from Southern, French Moore, Jr., and Sam Bruce.

Honors for Southern Division: The final night Awards Banquet was a happy time for Steve and me and for the Southern Division. Steve was there to accept the unit citation for Seven Devils (Outstanding Patrol of Southern Division) and to accept for Jim Williams (Gatlinburg) a gold merit star for Outstanding Junior of the NSPS. I accepted the gold merit star for Sherry Perry for Outstanding Professional for the NSPS.

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CALENDAR

September	27-28	Lift Evacuation Seminar, Seven Devils	
October	4-5	Fall Refresher, Blue Ridge Region, Sugar Mtn.	
	24	CPR Refresher, ARC Asheville — 6 PM	
	25	Fall Refresher, ARC Asheville	
	26	On-the-Hill — Sapphire Valley, Cataloochee, Wolf Laurel	
	25-26	Lift Evacuation Seminar, Seven Devils	
November	1-2	Fall Refresher, Skyline Region, Charlottesville	
	2	Fall Refresher, Atlanta	
	8-9	Fall Refresher, Gatlinburg	
	19	Flex Session at Alpine Ski Center	
	22-23	Circle A & M, Brevard	
December	6-7	Circle A & M, Seven Devils	
	28	Basic Test, Appalachian	
January	2	Deadline for Southern Cross	
	17	T & T, Patrol Trainer Clinic, Wintergreen	
	18	Senior First Aid Test, Wintergreen	
	24	T & T, Patrol Trainer Clinic, Sugar Mtn.	
	25	Senior First Aid Test, Sugar Mtn.	
	24-25	Basic Test, Wintergreen	
	24-25	Nordic Basic Test, Smoky Mtn., National Bark	
	31	T & T, Patrol Trainer Clinic, Cataloochee	
	February	1	Senior First Aid Test, Cataloochee
		1	Senior On-the-Hill Test, Sugar Mtn.
1		Deadline for Southern Cross	
7-8		Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers	
14-15		Circle A & M, Wintergreen	
15		Senior On-the-Hill Test, Cataloochee	
21		Basic Test, Wolf Laurel	
21-22		Junior Jamboree, Seven Devils	
22	Senior On-the-Hill Test, Homestead		
March	1	Basic Test, Gatlinburg	
	1-6	Avalanche Patch Course, Bozeman, MT	
	7-8	Circle A & M, Showshoe	
	22-27	National Junior Jamboree, Lake Placid, NY	
April	25	Spring Convention, Atlanta, GA	
	26	Deadline for Southern Cross	
September	12	Fall Officers Meeting, Sugar Mtn.	

SMOKY MOUNTAIN NORDIC PATROL

Registration will be held at the Gatlinburg refresher November 8-9. Candidates must have the same qualifications as Alpine candidates.

Richard Weinberger, PL

FLEX SESSION AT ALPINE SKI CENTER

This is for currently registered patrollers only! Bring your NSPS card to Alpine Ski Center, NC Route 184, Banner Elk (just outside the entrance to Sugar Mtn.) on Wednesday, November 19. Come flex the skis and try on the boots. Many items will be there and can be bought on the spot. We will be open 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. that day.

All major manufacturers will be there. Just to name a few: Head, Hexel, K-2, Rossignol, Volkl, Olin, Atomic, Spalding, Kneissel, Kastle. Mark your calendars now!

FUND RAISING

We didn't do too well last year on our fund raising but will keep trying. Mike Harris, Fund Raising Chairman, needs *your* help. He's already contacted a number of Ski Clubs and will be sending a letter out to others. If you have an entree into a Ski Club, call or write him to coordinate your efforts. Also send him the name and address of any "health professionals" you know who ski, to expand our mailing list.

EXPLORER SCOUT PROGRAM

Norris Woody is "off and running" on organizing the Explorer Scout program in the Division. Harry Pollard was so impressed that he came down to Greensboro for the inauguration of the first Explorer post in the Division on August 20th. Keep up the good work Norris!

THE COMING SEASON

Let's have good, stimulating first aid and "on the hill" refreshers, get the paper work done *on time* and have the best season ever! See you at the refreshers and on the slopes.

C. Harwell Dabbs, M.D., D.D.

ADD-OPERATION 1980-81 Pre-Season Report

In attempting to establish a clear-cut goal for my new job as an ADD, I searched for a common thread that runs through the various advisorships in my charge. One link that ties together the Avalanche, First Aid, Lift Evacuation, Mountaineering, Junior, Nordic, Equipment, Certified, Safety, Search and Rescue, Testing and Training and the new Explorer Scout advisorships, is patrollers and their problems. I am setting a goal for the 1980-81 ski season of solving patrollers' problems. It is my job to give the patroller a clear, concise, and quick answer on anything from a scheduling conflict to a question of eligibility for a test. It is also my responsibility to aid our advisors, instructors, test judges, and trainers in meeting their commitments to the patrollers and patrols.

I am looking forward to working closely with our new advisors to insure a smooth transition in their various programs. If any patroller has a question pertaining to our programs or a suggestion for improving our programs' effectiveness, please feel free to contact me. Our job is to serve you, so you may aid the skiing public.

Tom Moss
ADD T & T

SPRING CONVENTION — 1981

The convention will be held at the Omni International Hotel in Atlanta. (See enclosed flyer.) We will be given a special price and it is guaranteed for this time next year — \$45.00 single and \$55.00 double. The meeting will be held Saturday morning, April 25th. The afternoon is free. A cocktail party will be held overlooking the Ice Rink in Omni at 5:30. We will travel via MARTA Buses to the Awards Banquet at Aunt Fanny's Cabin. Sunday morning — Fun Run through downtown Atlanta. Some of the extracurricular activities are: theatre, symphony, concerts, Braves, Hawks, Six Flags, Stone Mtn., shopping at Lenox Square and Phipps Plaza.

Rick Roberts

ATTENTION AUXILIARY PATROLLERS

There is now an Auxiliary Badge for your use. It is No. 106 and may be purchased through the National Office for \$1.50. Use order form 801.

Mary K. Twomey
Auxiliary Adv.

WORKSHOPS AT THE FALL OFFICERS MEETING

T & T

Tom Moss, ADD for T & T, was the moderator and the spotlight was on lift evacuation. Major credit was given to John Lawrence for the fine record our division has of no accidents despite numberable lift evacuations. For the past four years, John has taught seminars emphasizing safety, safety, safety — proper equipment, proper skills and "hands on" training. He has stressed that lift evacuation skills should be continually practiced and refreshed.

Tom Moss would like to take an in depth look at our lift evacuation program this year to discover why our record is so good, whether it is luck or proper training skills. He would like for this to be a year of monitoring these skills throughout the division with research into how the different ski areas approach their training.

The people in the chairs look at the Ski Patrol with confidence and utter faith. The Ski Patrol in return needs to justify this faith with the utmost competence and training possible. This will be a year to find our direction for future Lift Evacuation training.

Susan Jackson

LEADERSHIP

Randy Avery, ADD for Line, presided over this workshop, with Rick Roberts as moderator. Rick said that the discussions would be directed into three areas: 1) organizational framework, 2) behavioral management aspects (at first I thought he said "haedrel management aspects" and asked how to spell haedrel), and 3) practical applications of leadership.

Rick talked about the importance of knowing rules and regulations set down by NSPS, found in the "Ski Patroller" and of having bylaws in each patrol for procedures and disciplinary actions which can be revised annually. Much concern was expressed about litigation. Rick suggested patrols go over all accident reports at the end of each day to check for accuracy, etc. and at that time bring to management's attention any that suggest possible litigation.

Steve Waldrep led the portion on behavioral management aspects, pointing out that there are three types of patrols; democratic, autocratic and laissez-faire. Know the personalities and talents of those you work with and use diplomacy to get the most out of your patrollers.

Tom Thomas, our grade school principal, sat us in a circle for his session on the practical application of leadership, handed us a printed outline and rapped for attention. He said that good communication is a necessity and that you can delegate authority, but not responsibility. The place to start is with the candidate. Standardize procedures and put them in writing. Give the candidate a listing of what will be expected of him, what he will have to do for advancement, what positions he may advance to and how, etc. Each position in the patrol should have a job description written down and available for all to peruse. The overall theme of the workshop was that all aspects of leadership overlap and interplay.

Benning Garrison

FIRST AID SUPPLIES

Attention all PLs! Appalachian Medical Supply Co. (see ad page 7) will gladly fill all your needs from band-aids to litters at lowest possible prices. They also carry all equipment necessary for oxygen use in the patrol room. Contact Bob Newton for prices on your needs.

Editor

CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER EFFORT

The sub-committee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, committee on the Judiciary, met under the chairmanship of Congressman Danielson of California on July 28, 1980. In attendance at the hearing was myself and our National Legal Counsel, Walter Gregg, Andy Mills, an olympic downhill racer, and Congressman Kemp, testifying on our behalf. Patricia Shroeder of Colorado introduced Andy Mills. Jack Kemp of New York introduced various other dignitaries and guests appearing for and on our behalf before testifying himself and then he presented the petitions. There were many, many people from different, oriented ski industries in attendance.

It is my feeling that the hearings went extremely well and we are pleased with the outcome. However, the committee vote was not taken on the issue because Chairman Danielson desired a "mark-up." Chairman Danielson felt it was necessary to get all of the testimonies and transcripts together first and then get a mark-up on the bill, prior to such vote.

It is our combined feelings, at this time, that it would be very beneficial if patrollers would now write to their individual Congressman, or call them, or visit them, expressing their desire that their respective Congressman assert whatever influence he or she may have in attempting to bring this matter to a vote at an early date. It should be pointed out that I am not now requesting you to write to Judiciary Committee members individually, nor to the sub-committee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations, but rather to your own state representative in the House of Representatives. The one point that I feel that I should stress is that this vote must come up at a very early date if it is, in fact, to be finalized before the present session of Congress adjourns in October. If it is not finalized by Congress before the October 4th deadline, then the whole effort will be a dead issue for this session of Congress, so your early communication with your representative is urged at this time.

To make addressing easy it should be as follows:

Congressman John Doe
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Donald C. Williams
National Director

"JOURNAL OF WINTER EMERGENCY CARE"

This is published three times a year and is sent to medical advisors and patrollers registered by their PLs as First Aid instructors. Our DD, Harwell Dabbs, feels that a copy should be available in all patrol rooms. There is a lot of valuable information in each issue and you are encouraged to subscribe. It is available on a subscription basis to anyone, member or not. Subscriptions may be obtained by sending name, address, NSPS registration number (if member) and a check or money order payable to the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. for \$5.00 to: Journal of Winter Emergency Care, National Ski Patrol System, Inc., 5 Flintlock Ridge, Simsbury, CT 06070.

Editor

FROM OUR NATIONAL OFFICE

In accordance with policy recently adopted by the Board of Directors, after advice of our legal counsel, the National Office will sell goods only to its member patrols and patrollers.

"The National Office will not accept checks for goods ordered (parkas, radios, medical supplies, etc.) from any parties other than its currently registered patrols and patrollers."

Adele Ghiazza
Office Manager

NSPS LOSS CONTROL POLICY

As we enter into a new ski season, we should review and adhere to the NSPS Loss Control Policy, which is:

- A. The Division Director shall be responsible for reviewing each skiing collision accident, chair lift evacuation accident, toboggan handling accident, and other patrol related accidents, any of which involve patrollers for the purpose of determining whether disciplinary or other appropriate action shall be taken with regard to a patroller, or patrollers involved. Such review may be administered by a committee appointed by the Division Director or by the Division Director himself. The finds produced from reviews shall be forwarded to the National Counsel, Risk and Insurance Management and the National Legal Counsel. They shall either accept such reports or may forward the same, accompanied by an opinion to the National Director for appropriate action as the National Director shall determine.
- B. All chair lift evacuation programs shall be subject to the following policies:
 1. All chair lift evacuation plans and procedures shall be formulated and conducted under the direction of area management.
 2. An annual on-the-hill chair lift evacuation refresher shall be conducted also under the direction of area management.
 3. The NSPS chair lift evacuation manual shall be minimum standard performance in all chair lift evacuation plans and procedures.
- C. In recognition of the fact that improperly adjusted bindings are one of the major causes of ski related accidents, and in recognition of the efforts of the NSPS to reduce binding/caused accidents through its binding check program, it is hereby restated and emphasized that if the binding check program is to be modified in any manner, then prior approval must be obtained from our insurance broker and the underwriting insurance carrier. Any anticipated changes prior to implementing a modified binding check operation must be cleared by the subject Committee handling the problem, as well as by the National Director; in addition, written approval must be obtained from the broker and the insurance carrier.

Bob Edwards
Insurance Advisor

MOUNTAIN HOME FOR SALE

It is located at Alpendorf, 1 mile west of Linville on NC 181 with a view of Grandmother Mtn. The house is a 12-sided roundette with redwood porch on 6 sides. One section of the porch is covered and has a picnic table. The siding is Western Red Cedar. The home is 927 square feet, is fully furnished and winterized. There are 3 bedrooms, large living room with fireplace, kitchen, bath and a half, all with baseboard electric heat. It is located on a private road and has a separate garage. Two lots are included with many trees and rhododendron and a small yard with swings. A new roof was put on in 1980. The price is \$37,500. If interested, contact Keith Argow (703) 281-7900 evening — 281-1100 day.

HELP!

We need your help for the Junior Program. The Greensboro members of the National Ski Patrol will hold a Ski Swap Shop from the morning of November 7 until 9 p.m. Saturday, November 8.

Please help us with your support of the Ski Swap Shop. Bring any equipment you have for sale: boots, poles, mountaineering or hiking equipment. We will do our best to get whatever price you want. Ten percent of the selling price will go to send some worthy Junior Ski Patroller to the National Junior Jamboree in New York. We will also welcome any donations you may have.

David P. Dillard

PR REPORT

A mental and physical lapse occurred in me during the past few months known as the summer blahs, but I did send articles to eight newspapers and one magazine on our very *outstanding* patrollers.

Mike Harris and I are trying to get dates of all ski shows and/or swap shops, so that he can put on a donations pitch and I can be sure we have appropriate NSPS insignia, reminding people who we are. We also want personal representation at these shows. Can you attend one? So far we know about:

Atlanta, GA November 7-8
Columbia, SC October 23-25
Greensboro, NC November 7-8
Huntsville, AL November 1

Do you know about any more? Let us know and we'll plan to set up a booth. Remember, I need information from *you* in order to put it out!

TIP TOP TOPS

Bet you thought that heat wave we experienced this past summer was all brought on by Mother Nature, didn't you. Well, some of it may have been, but a large part was reflected happiness of all Southern Division for the awards that came our way this year.

At the annual NSPS meeting, held at Stratton Mountain, VT in June, Jim Williams, Gatlinburg Patrol, was selected Outstanding Junior Patroller in the nation, and received the Edward French Taylor Award; Sherry Perry, Sugar Mountain Patrol, the Outstanding Professional Patroller in the nation and received the Harry Pollard Award; and Harwell Dabbs, (need I identify?), runner-up for the Administrative Patroller in the nation and received the Charles W. Schobinger Award.

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Five very deserving Southern Division patrollers have received National Appointments. Presentations were made by DD, C. Harwell Dabbs, during luncheon ceremonies at the Fall Officers Meeting to John Newton, 5764; Farris Jackson, 5765; Susan Jackson, 5766; Lynn Pace, 5767; and Tom Moss, 5768. Farris and Susan may well be the first husband and wife with simultaneous appointments. Southern Division congratulates all these patrollers!

JUNIOR PATROLLERS OF 19??

Who says having to learn emergency childbirth is a lot of Mickey Mouse? Not if you ask the Twomeys. When Regina got ready to present Bob Twomey (Cataloochee Patrol) with their second child she had to call on the First Aid skills of both Papa and Grandma Mary (Southern Division Auxiliary Advisor) who jointly delivered Kathryn Elizabeth at home on September 4th. According to Mary, this baby is the first girl in four generations of Twomeys.

Perhaps not so dramatic an arrival, but a baby girl was born to Lita and N. C. York, (Associate National and Area Manager at Sky Valley) recently. The details are sketchy, but one fact was certain: she weighed 11 pounds!

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor



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PATROL NEWS

Sapphire Valley

Fairfield Communities Inc., who own and operate such resorts as Fairfield Mountains at Lake Lure in Tenn., bought Sapphire Valley, including the ski area. Jim Monteith, who has leased and operated the ski area for 3 years will stay on as manager. Fairfield Communities seems very interested in developing the ski area to its full potential so there may be more changes in store.

A new Thiokol 2100 snow groomer joins the maintenance force, improving skiing safety. Like all areas in the southeast, variable weather conditions and manufactured snow leave snow conditions less than ideal at times. A mechanical snow groomer like Sapphire's new Thiokol, can recondition a slope by chopping up ice, filling in slush, covering bare spots, and redistributing good snow. A newly groomed surface is a delight to ski on and easier on beginners especially at night when ice tends to form. The new groomer should also extend the season into late winter because man-made snow can be stockpiled and placed around the slope in lean areas.

Sapphire Valley's Ski Patrol is training and gearing up for a promising season and is looking forward to helping its new nearby neighbor Scaly Mtn. with its opening season.

Terri Sizemore

Gatlinburg

Mr. & Mrs. Marcus E. Drewa of Jacksonville, Florida donated \$100 to the patrol. The money was used to send Juniors to the Junior Jamboree at Seven Devils in February. Our Junior Program has finally "come alive" thanks to Jim Williams, Junior Patrol Leader. We now have 10 Junior candidates and we are very proud of them.

Linda Pace

Wolf Laurel Has 9 New Patrollers

Picture the scene — warm weather, blue sky, a warm gentle breeze. This scene was comforting to many people after a fickle winter, but a dreaded occurrence to skiers. This was the type of weather confronting Wolf Laurel the week before the Basic Test in late February. The phone lines between the test judges, patrol leader and ski area were buzzing with calls for weather reports, contingency plans and a final decision. Test day was spring-like and although much snow had melted, the base was intact from top to bottom. Ron Geist conducted the test, assisted by Jack Britt, Tommy Godwin, Don Thompson and me. Harwell Dabbs dropped by for a visit and found diminished snow, but high spirits and complimented the patrol on their attitude.

The day ended with the patrol hosting a dinner and tapping a keg to celebrate 5 new Basics, 3 Auxiliaries and 1 Junior. The new patrollers presented Mike Silver a plaque for his work as candidate training officer, and the candidates received satirical certificates for their endurance of the training process. The new Basic patrollers are Cliff Berry, Mike Evans, Patsy Maynard, Susan Thompson and Libby Wilson. Chuck Pfaff joins us as a Junior. New Auxiliaries are Deana Briggs, Stuart Cross and Susan Dierick.

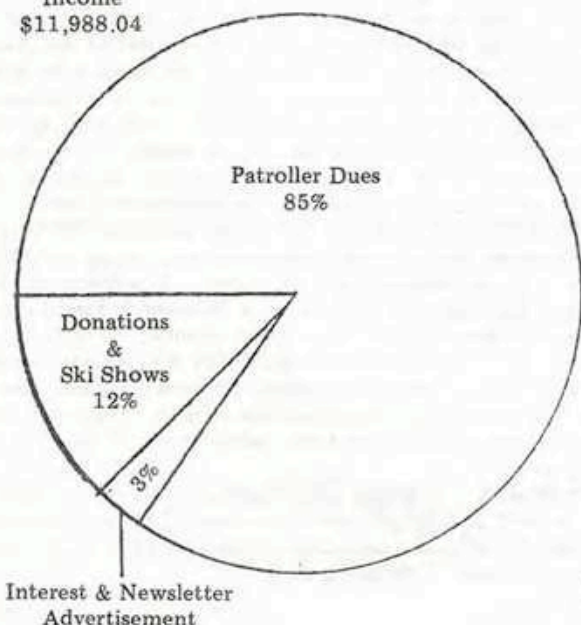
Wolf Laurel Patrol Skis in June

Patrollers and friends gathered at Don Thompson's home on Lake Lure for an all day party, picnic and election in early June. The party consisted of a continuous variety of activities such as water skiing, cruising the lake, sailing, swimming and consumption of "chilled beverages." Late in the afternoon everyone feasted on a steak dinner. The day officially ended with elections. Officers elected for the '80-81 season are: Steve Waldrep, PL; Barney Pendleton, Asst. PL; Stuart Ray, Training Officer; Margie Carroll, Secretary/Treasurer; Melinda Waldrep, Equipment Mgr. The success of the day was directly a result of Don's efforts as organizer, recreation director and chef.

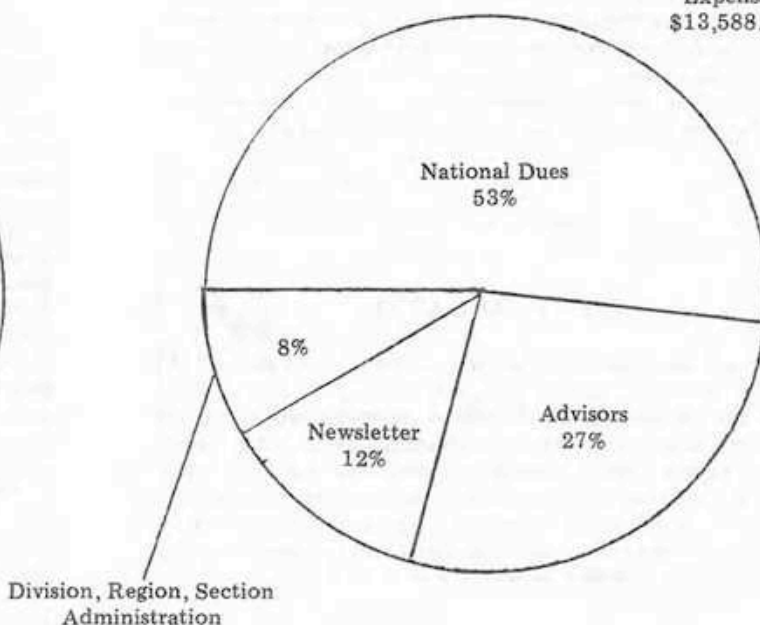
Steve Waldrep, PL

TREASURERS REPORT

1979-80
Income
\$11,988.04



1979-80
Expenses
\$13,588.90



AVALANCHE

Get your Airline reservation NOW! The Advanced Avalanche Course (Patch Course) will be held the week of March 1, 1981 in Bozeman, MT. You can save over \$250.00 on plane fare if you can book an excursion. Only a limited number are offered by each airline for a given flight so it is imperative that you make the reservation early. Plan to arrive in Bozeman February 27 or 28 or early March 1.

We will need at least 15 participants in order to hold the course. More information will be available in the near future. Meanwhile, send me your name and address if you are planning to take the course or need additional information.

Ron Geist
Avalanche Advisor

CERTIFIED

This year we are planning to get the certified program "off the ground." Dates and places have not been set as yet, but all PLs who were at the Fall Officers Meeting should have copies of the application form. If you are interested, contact your PL. I must have all applications before January 1. For more information, contact me.

Steve Benbow
Certified Adv.

JUNIORS

As you probably know by now, Southern Division has a terrific Junior program. For the past two years we have had sixteen Juniors attend the division Junior Training Seminar. In 1979 three Juniors attended the National Junior Training Seminar and in 1980 two attended. Jim Williams, Gatlinburg Patrol, has been the Outstanding Junior in this division for the past two years, and this year he is the Outstanding Junior in the nation.

The 1981 National Junior Training Seminar will be at Lake Placid, March 22-27. In preparation for this event, the division will hold our seminar (Jamboree) February 21-22 at Seven Devils Ski Area. All Juniors and Junior candidates wishing to attend should start making reservations and practice your skiing and First Aid skills now. The top two or three people will go to Lake Placid for the National Jamboree in March. The proceeds from the Greensboro Swap Shop, November 7-8 will be used to send Juniors to Lake Placid. If you, or anyone you know, has some equipment they wish to sell (or donate), please be sure to get it to Greensboro for the Swap Shop.

Steve Benbow
Junior Advisor

LIFT EVACUATION

It's that time again! To all new patrollers (and patrols) the need for careful attention to equipment and ski area requirements for lift evacuation should be stressed. No actual lift evacuation is any safer than its *weakest* link in either equipment or people. Both training and good equipment are essential. Two pre-season lift evacuation seminars are being offered this year (see calendar). Interested patrollers should contact Keith Gray. Any questions regarding lift evacuation policy or procedure should be directed to me.

John Lawrence
Lift Evacuation Advisor

TESTING AND TRAINING ADVISORS REPORT PRE-SEASON 1980-81

This year there will be three regional advisors assisting me with the T & T calendar: Harold Tilley in the Blue Ridge Region, Ron Smith in the Skyline Region, and Lynn Pace in the Dixie Region. These experienced and highly capable patrollers will be available for clinics and tests in their respective regions as well as providing assistance to local patrol training programs.

There are three T & T clinics scheduled for the month of January. Their purpose is to certify new associate test judges, recertify current Senior test judges, and provide a workshop for patrol training officers. Three Senior on-the-hill tests are scheduled in February. Test candidates must have completed all prerequisites prior to the start of the on-the-hill test. Check with your patrol leader if you have questions concerning requirements for any tests or clinics. Our Senior Test Judge program will also be providing judges for the Junior Jamboree in February.

By completing the implementation of an associate test judge program this year, it will be possible to improve our support of Basic tests. If patrol leaders will contact me as soon as possible with their Basic test dates, it will be greatly appreciated and aid in our assigning judges.

Finally, I will be examining the possibility of incorporating a Lift Evacuation exercise into our Senior Test.

Tom Moss
A.D.D. T & T

NSPS EXPLORER SKI SAFETY

The National Ski Patrol System has joined with the National Exploring Division, Boy Scouts of America (BSA), to promote the organization of NSPS Explorer posts and ski safety programs for all Explorers. Our purpose is to provide an exciting, service-oriented and worthwhile training program for young men and women interested in the National Ski Patrol.

The NSPS Explorers Ski Safety committee for the Southern Division has done a lot of work this summer on this new program, on both the division and national level. We have been in close contact with both Forist McVickers, National Explorer Division BSA, and Mark Lackey, National Jr. Advisor, NSPS, to see that this program got off the ground.

We had the honor of Harry G. Pollard, Assoc. National Director, at our organizational committee meeting on August 20th in Greensboro, NC. He shared the experience gained with the post he formed last year. Their program was diversified into many interesting and active areas: first aid, ski skills, mountaineering, search and rescue, ski safety, ski equipment maintenance, NSPS administration, history of skiing, map reading and orientation, avalanche, winter survival, etc.

The meeting focused on two areas, finalizing the program developed by the division committee and the actual organization of the Greensboro, NC post. Requirements were finalized for a post in the Southern Division to award the Explorer Ski Safety patch to a post member. They are proficiency in ski skills, first aid and NSPS history and administration as set forth in the Southern Division program. Meeting with this group were representatives of BSA. The post advisor accepted the challenge and asst. advisors were named for the new post.

On Sept. 24, 1980 the organizational meeting for this post will be held at the offices of the General Greene Council in Greensboro at 7:13 p.m. This program is open to all people ages 15 through 20 years of age.

Norris R. Woody
Explorer Ski Safety Adv.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW SEARCH AND RESCUE ANYWAY?

Well, as a matter of fact, we do and we did! Last season Gatlinburg had two Search and Rescue operations.

The first SAR occurred Dec. 26th with Jim Williams acting as search leader. Cheryl Katzon didn't know the location of her sister, Norie. Cheryl was hypothermic and was treated for this. Finally, Norie was established at the hotel they were staying at 1 hour and 15 min. after the SAR began.

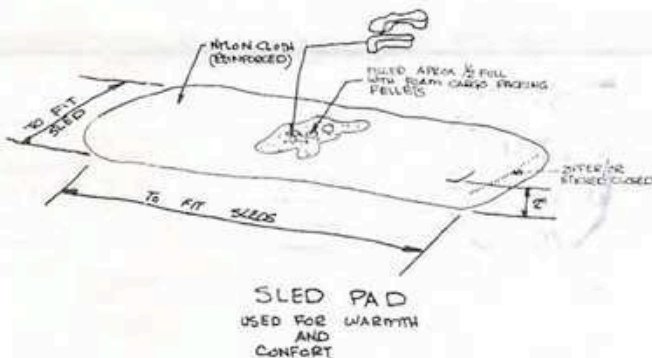
A high school group of approximately 70 from Mobile, Alabama were visiting in Gatlinburg for a weekend. On Sunday, January 27th, they were starting to leave when a young girl, Julie Hinton age 17, discovered her purse was missing. She felt it was at the Ice Skating Arena where she had been the night before. The chaperones gave her permission to go get her purse and come right back to the motel. Julie didn't return for sometime so the group leaders asked for help from the police. Since the police couldn't help until she had been missing for several hours, the group leaders approached us and immediate action began. Richard Weinberger was the search leader. The entire mountain at the Ski Lodge was searched thoroughly, but no sign of Julie. About three hours later, at 6:00 p.m. we received a phone call from the motel saying Julie was there. What a relief! The group leaders were very appreciative as we were the only organization that would assist them in their time of need.

Linda Pace

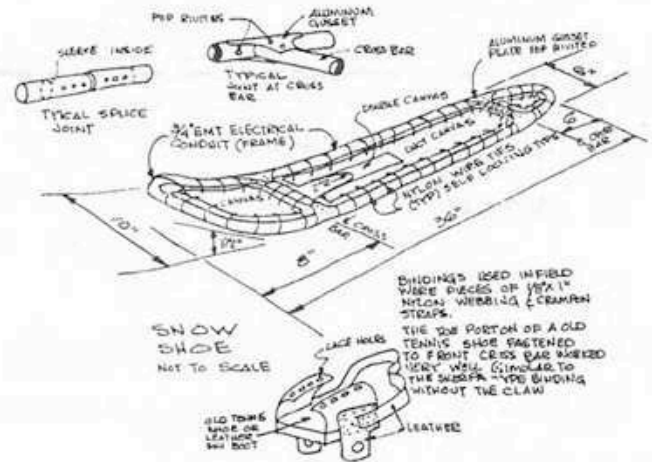
MY NAME IS LAURA MEGAN AVERY AND I ARRIVED AT 11:39AM ON FEBRUARY 20, 1980. I WEIGHED 8 POUNDS AND WAS 20 INCHES TALL. MY PROUD PARENTS ARE RANDY AND MARTHA AVERY.



Laura is being brought up as an active patroller. She attended both the Spring Convention in Greensboro and the Fall Officers Meeting at Sugar Mtn.



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HARWELL'S HOT LINE

HAPPY NEW YEAR

1981 is here and I want to wish each of you a happy, and successful year for yourself, your patrol and you family!

ELECTION TIME

1981 also brings the election of a new Division Director for the Southern Division. When I accepted this responsibility I told myself, and others, that it would be for one term, and that term is almost over. It has been a challenging experience for me, but a rewarding one. Together we have accomplished a great deal.

LOOKING BACK

During the campaign and on being elected I pledged to "make the system work" and I believe it is. Communication — through the *Southern Cross*, periodic Division POB's, memos, and more frequent (four a year) Executive Committee meetings — has helped to solve problems before they grow, and bring better understanding. The Bylaws have been clarified, updated, and rewritten. A policy and procedure book was conceived, gestated and is now ready for parturition and distribution.

The Fall Officers' Meeting has been streamlined and a new format adopted with workshops for cross fertilization of ideas. The Annual Spring Meeting has continued to grow in number of attendees and enthusiasm. Each one seems to be the "best yet."

The Training and Testing Program continues to mature, at the patrol, section and division levels.

Our Area Management Liaison Program continues to flourish with Southern Division administration officers attending the Spring and Fall Meetings of Southeastern Ski Area Association on a regular basis.

The budding Nordic Program continues its expansion.

The relationship between Professional and Volunteer patrollers has improved division wide, as we continue to bring better understanding to mutual problems.

The Junior Program, and its off-shoot the Explorer Scout Program, constitute a shining monument to the dedication and enthusiasm of the leaders in these programs, and to the Juniors who participate.

Fund Raising is "off and running," building toward what looks like a rosy future.

All-in-all, the Division has accomplished a lot, and is in good shape. I have deliberately refrained from naming any names because so many of you have helped so much and I thank all of you, from the bottom of my heart.

THE NATIONAL SCENE

As your representative in the national organization I have used what powers I had (one vote, one agile mind, one sense of humor, one glib tongue modest, huh?) to influence the National Board of Directors in the direction I felt we (NSPS) should go. I was very pleased at the annual meeting in June 1980 that some long delayed major decisions were made: the decision to acquire an in-house computer; the decision to hire a full-time national Executive Director. I was also pleased to accept, on your behalf, two gold and one silver merit stars for Southern Division (Outstanding Professional, Outstanding Junior and runner-up Administrative) attesting to the excellence of those programs.

LOOKING AHEAD

Before we break an arm patting ourselves on the back, let me hasten to add this. Old problems still exist; new challenges will arise. I have dedicated myself to accomplishing those things I pledged you that I would do. It is time for new leadership. We have a tremendous team here in the Southern Division. I am constantly amazed at the abundance of talented, dedicated individuals amongst "our brethren." Let us preserve the best of what we have and go forth to build an even better division to serve the skiing public in the finest tradition of the NSPS.



Harwell Dabbs, M.D., D.D.

NEWS ITEM

ELECTION OF DIVISION DIRECTOR

NSPS national By-Laws require that the election of Division Director is conducted by the national office since the Division Director is a voting member of the National Board of Directors. Ski Patrol Directors, Section Chiefs, Regional Directors and the incumbent Divisional Director each have one vote.

A nominating committee, appointed by the Division Director, has the responsibility of screening the nominees to certify their qualifications to the national office. Qualifications for Division Director are defined in The Ski Patroller's Manual (305.3, p. 22).

Randy Pugh is chairman of the nominating committee. All nominations (including self nominations) should be sent to him immediately, together with the resume of the candidate's qualifications.

Randy Pugh
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Virginia Beach, VA 23454
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428-8000 (O)

NATIONAL INSTRUCTOR

Ron Geist, Avalanche Advisor, received an early Christmas present from Denver. In a letter dated December 12, 1980, Bill Hotchkiss, National Avalanche Advisor, notified Ron of his appointment as National Avalanche Instructor No. 306. That means Southern Division now has two — Dale Johnson attained his in 1978. Ron has attended both previous Patch Courses in Montana, and in 1979, participated as one of the instructors at the U. S. Forest Service National Avalanche School in Reno.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

NEW PATROLLERS IN BLUE RIDGE REGION

Nine patrollers representing five different patrols passed a rainy day exam at Appalachian Ski Mountain on December 28, 1980. The new Basic patrollers are: Douglas Gilstrap, Mill Ridge; March Kirkmyer and Jim Gayle, Beech Mtn.; Steve Brown, Hound Ears; Bill Wellborn and Ed Guzowski, Appalachian; and Chuck Surber, Seven Devils. Lynn Lowry is the new Junior from Beech Mtn., and Cynthia Bolton is an Auxiliary from Hound Ears.

The weather did not dampen the spirits of the new patrollers as they performed skiing and toboggan skills after completing the First Aid, Administrative and History tests. The examiners were Charles Benbow, Steve Benbow, Blake Brown, Sam Bruce and Sherry Perry.

Congratulations to our new patrollers, proving once again that the Southern Division patrols in every weather condition known to man.

Sam Bruce
Section Chief

CIRCLE M COURSE HELD AT BEECH MOUNTAIN

Late last Saturday night, after skiing at a temperature of 5°, five figures stole off the top of a Beech Mtn. ski slope into the trees. Just routine, a Circle M Course without tents in the snow. The hearty souls, all Beech Mtn. patrollers are: Kitty Calhoun, J. W. Eades, Rodney Farris, Curley Lathrop, and instructor John Lawrence. Later that night, after night skiing, they were joined by Bill Hanner, March Kirkmyer and Sam. Not only did all survive, but everybody had a comfortable night.

John Lawrence

CALENDAR

January	17	T & T, Patrol Trainer Clinic, Wintergreen
	18	Senior First Aid Test, Wintergreen
	23-24	Certified Test
	24	T & T, Patrol Trainer Clinic, Sugar Mtn.
	25	Senior First Aid Test, Sugar Mtn.
	24-25	Basic Test, Wintergreen
	24-25	Nordic Basic Test, Smoky Mtn. National Park
January	31	T & T, Patrol Trainer Clinic, Cataloochee
	31	Mid-Winter Executive Committee Meeting, Sugar Mtn.
February	1	Senior First Aid Test, Cataloochee
	1	Senior On-the-Hill Test, Sugar Mtn.
	1	Deadline for Southern Cross
	7-8	Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers
	14-15	Circle A & M, Wintergreen
	15	Senior On-the-Hill Test, Cataloochee
	21	Basic Test, Wolf Laurel
	21-22	Junior Jamboree, Seven Devils
	22	Senior On-the-Hill Test, Homestead
March	1	Basic Test, Gatlinburg
	1-6	Avalanche Patch Course, Bozeman, MT
	7-8	Circle A & M, Showshoe
	22-27	National Junior Jamboree, Lake Placid, NY
April	25	Spring Convention, Atlanta, GA
	26	Deadline for Southern Cross
September	12	Fall Officers Meeting, Sugar Mtn.

MID-WINTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting will be held on Saturday, January 31st., 12:30 p.m. at Sugar Mtn. There will be a Dutch Lunch. Any and all patrollers are invited to attend.

Harwell Dabbs, DD

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ALL ABOARD

If it's good skiing, good learning and good fun you're looking for, don't miss the Bridger Bowl Express. Our Avalanche Advisor, Ron Geist, has set up this year's Patch Course in Montana the first week in March. If it runs true to form, there will be plenty of snow (hopefully the Cold Smoke Bridger is famous for): the expertise of National Avalanche Advisor Bill Hotchkiss, who will head up the instructors; fantastic skiing in open bowls, hair-raising couloirs, trails, glades, you name it; the skrunch of 20 people fitting into a nine-passenger van; a few lessons in motel climbing (!), and a graduation party up on the ridge line, complete with cheese and wine. Ron promises a vintage bottle or so of Annie Greensprings (!?!), and *that* you don't want to miss, so sign up today!

Benning Garrison
 PR Advisor

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THE PERSONAL TOUCH

Doug Carlberg, Skyline Regional Director, has come up with a new money making idea he's like to pass along. He says, "We've written all the Tidewater ski clubs, offering talks and shows — the Ski Safety movie — and asking for donations." He feels the talk will be beneficial in getting more money; last year they just wrote letters and did get some donations, but feels this will be better. Doug hopes other regions will want to do this talk/show idea.

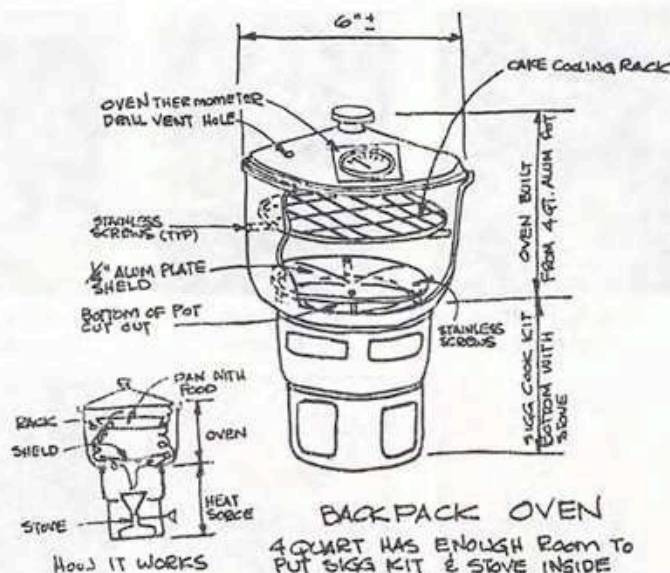
If you want any help in planning a talk/show in your area, please feel free to call me.

Benning Garrison
 PR Advisor

RACCOON MT. ALPINE SLIDE IN CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

The day of *The Great Mellow Yellow Balloon Race* approximately 7 to 10 thousand people attended the event. The area's recreational facilities were all open including the alpine slide and the chairlift. At about 11:30 a.m. the recreational manager approached the Rescue Squad chief and informed him calmly that the chairlift had broken down and that it was full of people. The rescue chief immediately sent for me, as he knew I was in the National Ski Patrol and had knowledge of this type of rescue. It so happened that I had all of my mountain rescue gear with me. Upon checking with the area, I found they had two Evac chairs, but no one at the resort knew how to use them. I immediately gathered equipment and personnel and went to the first chair finding two ladies very scared and wanting down. With the personnel gathered around, I set up an immediate class in chairlift evacuation. After explaining to the ladies above and to my class below what we were doing, I assigned the jobs to those on the ground. After evacuating the first three chairs very successfully, I split the rescuers into two groups, sending one group to the top of the mountain to work down and I stayed with the group at the bottom to work up. In approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes we successfully evacuated 92 people without any injuries.

Harry "Butch" M. Barnes
 Cloudmont Resort Ski Patrol



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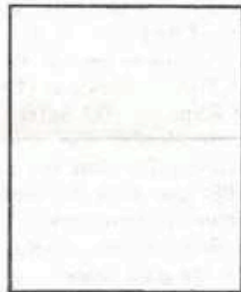
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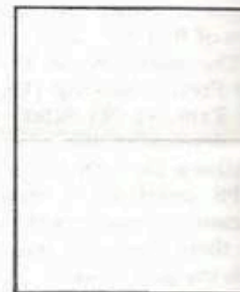
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BLUE RIBBON POST

"It's blue! It's blue!" were the excited shouts. Blue was the color of the proficiency award collected by Explorer Ski Safety Post 713. For the uninitiated, blue is the highest color you can receive as a proficiency award in the Scout world. This award was earned at the General Greene Council's Annual Scout Show held in Greensboro, North Carolina.

What makes this an even more astounding accomplishment is that the Post was hardly nine weeks old and was competing with well-established posts. After a couple hours, those participating in the exhibit knew the Post was destined for the heavy hardware because from the start the display and activities created the largest crowds of observers. Never being without spectators, the exhibit was constantly under the watchful eye of one of the judges.

The exhibit not only promoted the Post, but it told the story of the National Ski Patrol and the Southern Division in audiovisuals and one-on-one chats with the questioning crowds.

The exhibit demonstrated skiing, first aid, and mountain rescue equipment. One of the displays showed the development of skis, boots, and bindings, ranging from today back over the past forty years. Another display consisted of proper inner and outer wear for winter weather. Numerous charts used for training in the Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care Course were spread throughout the exhibit. Twenty-plus manuals and reference books used by the Post were displayed next to a collection of makeshift and commercial splints.

The ever faithful open fanny pack, various types of fanny packs, large first aid kit and climbing and evacuation equipment displays were the center of attraction. For those who wanted to dream, there was a movie screen that constantly had skiers busting through deep powder. The surprise of the exhibit was the crowds attracted to a viewer covered with X-rays of different fractures.

The sled placed in the middle of the exhibit gave the skiing public a chance to slip between the handles, close their eyes, and picture themselves in a rust parka gliding down the fall line.

If you are ever in the mountains and see a five-foot, two-inch blond-haired girl in her mid-teens rappel down the side of a mountain with utmost confidence, there could be a surprise in store for you, if you asked her where she learned to rappel. Her answer could be the Exhibition Hall at the Greensboro Coliseum. That could well be the answer because the Post

members not only showed what they had learned but helped each other learn new skills right there in front of the world. That takes guts and a little bit of ham.

The favorite of these learn-while-you-do activities was swinging off the top of a Land Cruiser in a Swiss Seat and rappelling to the floor or sitting about eight feet in the air and telling the crowd below what they were doing, how they do it, and of what use it was to a patroller.

Eight people learned to rappel. Four teams are now proficient in the use of the Robbins orthopedic stretcher. Fifteen members can now use a femur traction splint and quick splint. The tally also included scores of people, young and old, becoming more knowledgeable of what the National Ski Patrol does and why they do it.

Post 713 started with twenty-two members and has grown at each meeting till the present count is in excess of forty registered members. Their activities have been as varied as the requirements of a ski patroller. The Post has worked on first aid, had a presentation by a ski technician covering all types of equipment, participated in a rappelling clinic, been introduced to the equipment and techniques used in rock face climbing, attended a special class on winter emergencies and hypothermia, and prepared their exhibit for the Scout Show held November 22, 1980.

In the very near future the Post will be working on maintenance of skis and bindings, go on the hill to ski with a patrol, be at a lift evacuation drill, take the Circle A and Circle M courses, get involved in cross-country skiing, participate in a course in winter driving, start climbing rock faces and practice a lot of first aid. That's just for starters.

The members of Post 713 thank Harry Pollard (NSPS) and Forrest McVicar (BSA) for making this program possible, the Explorer Ski Safety Committee of the Southern Division for developing the program, the Blue Ridge Region of the Southern Division for sponsoring the Post. We challenge all NSPS members to make available to the young men and women in their area the opportunity to learn and train to fulfill their dream of one day wearing the coveted rust jacket with the gold cross.

Just drop us a line and we will tell you what it's all about and how to get started.

Norm Stripe
Asst. Explorer Scout Adv.



MOUNTAINEERING PATCH COURSE

There will be an Advanced Ski Mountaineering Patch Course February 6 to 8, 1981 at Mount Rogers, Va. The classroom work will be held at the Mount Rogers Rescue and Fire Station on U. S. Route 58 near the White Top, Virginia Post Office. It will begin at 12 Noon on Friday, February 6th. The field work will be Friday night through Sunday afternoon. All participants must pre-register using the form below with a signed recommendation from either your PL or a Division Mountaineering Instructor and mail to F. H. Moore, Jr., Box 516, Abington, Va. 24210 by January 24, 1981. All information needed for the course will then be mailed to you.

This course is open to registered patrollers with Circle M and Circle A, Forest Service and Rescue Squad personnel possessing the basic equipment (cross country skis and/or snow shoes required), knowledge, metal and physical stamina to take part in a survival-type winter weekend. The course is also open to alumni of previous courses. All Southern Division Registered Ski Mountaineering Instructors should make every effort to attend.

NATIONAL SKI PATROL SYSTEM, SOUTHERN DIVISION APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED SKI MOUNTAINEERING COURSE

Name _____ Phone: Home _____ Office _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Current NSPS Registration No. _____ Patrol _____ Region _____
 Circle A Card No. _____ Year _____ Circle M Card No. _____ Year _____
 Division Circle M Instructor No. _____ Year _____
 Evidence of winter mountaineering experience *other* than Circle M Course _____

 Other general outdoor and mountaineering experience, including schools, etc. _____

PATROL LEADER'S RECOMMENDATION: I hereby approve and recommend the above patroller as candidate for the Advanced Ski Mountaineering Course.

Signed _____

DIVISION SKI MOUNTAINEERING INSTRUCTOR RECOMMENDATION: I hereby approve and recommend the above patroller as candidate for the Advanced Ski Mountaineering Course.

Ski Mountaineering Instructor, Card No. _____ Signed _____

NOTE: Do not recommend any person who in your opinion is not mentally, physically and emotionally capable of participating in a rugged winter expedition. Candidates should also display strong leadership qualities.



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HARWELL'S HOT LINE

What can I say? This is the last time I'll be writing you as your Division Director. "Harwell's Hot Line" is growing cold as its demise approaches, and, with the final word of this column, will take its place alongside the pterydactyl, the mastadm and other extinct things.

What can I say? It has been a challenging and rewarding two years. I thank each of you for your support, your help and your dedication.

What can I say? It hurts too much to laugh . . . and I'm much too old to cry! But enough of sentimentality. What's going on in the Division?

I got off to a late start visiting patrols, what with a motorhome trip to Colorado in early December with John Newton and his Huntsville Tour, and all our kids (five) home for the holidays. By the end of January, however, I've visited thirteen areas (Appalachian, Beech Mtn., Cataloochee, Cedar Cliff, Cloud Mt., Gatlinburg, Hound Ears, Mill Ridge, Sapphire Valley, Scaly Mtn., Seven Devils, Sky Valley, and Sugar Mtn.) and have found good news everywhere. I have seen a lot of good training, enthusiasm, and strong, positive leadership.

This weekend is the annual Mt. Rogers Mountaineering Patch Course and Southern Division "Reunion." I shall again mount an attack on the North Face of the formidable fortress, and, God willing, return safely Sunday afternoon tired but happy.

During the rest of February it is my intention to visit the remaining patrols in the northern part of our division.

Bobbie Rupp did her usual fine job with the January edition of Southern Cross. The "Rogues Galley" of officers and advisors was her idea, and, I think a good one. A few were missing because they never sent their pictures. For shame!

The Junior Jamboree, February 21 & 22 at Seven Devils promises to be the biggest and best yet. Encourage your Juniors to participate and come yourself if you can. It is very impressive. Steve Benbow and the folks who've worked with him deserve a lot of credit for this fine program.

Harwell Dabbs, M.D., D.D.

FUND RAISING

Mike Harris has done an outstanding job of getting Division Fund Raising off the ground. Direct donations total over \$2,000 and they're still coming in. Thanks again to Mike and his lovely help-mate Patsy (who's a candidate at Beech Mtn. by the way).

SURPLUS PROPERTY

One of the advantages of obtaining a Federal Charter, we were told, was the acquisition of eligibility to obtain surplus army, and other federal property. It seems the process is complicated. In North Carolina, at any rate, one must apply to a state agency to qualify. Bob Riddle is working on the mechanics of this. Anyone who has first-hand knowledge of the mechanism in your state, send the information to Bob Riddle who is coordinating this effort Division-wide.

AWARDS

Now is the time to do something about awards. There are a lot of fine people out there who don't get nominated because nobody takes the trouble to do so. Remember, the nominations have to come from you. The Awards Committee simply processes the nominations. The various awards are all described in The Ski Patrollers Manual (Brown Book) section 500 (page 29). Remember, Patrol Directors, you are responsible for NSPS service award pins which are awarded at 10 years and every five years thereafter. Division will stock and pay for these (change in policy as of 1/31/81), but it is up to you to get these from Charles Benbow. There are a lot of fine patrollers out there with ten or more years of service who have not been recognized (cat. No. 308 & 309).

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CALENDAR

February	1	Senior First Aid Test, Cataloochee
	1	Senior On-the-Hill Test, Sugar Mtn.
	1	Deadline for Southern Cross
	7-8	Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers
	14-15	Circle A & M, Wintergreen
	15	Senior On-the-Hill Test, Cataloochee
March	21	Basic Test, Wolf Laurel
	21-22	Junior Jamboree, Seven Devils
	1	Senior On-the-Hill Test, Homestead
	1	Basic Test, Gatlinburg
	1-6	Avalanche Patch Course, Bozeman, MT
April	7-8	Circle A & M, Showshoe
	22-27	National Junior Jamboree, Lake Placid, NY
	25	Spring Convention, Atlanta, GA
June	1	Deadline for Southern Cross
September	12	Fall Officers Meeting, Sugar Mtn.

SPRING CONVENTION APRIL 25 Omni International Hotel Atlanta, GA

Enclosed with this issue of Southern Cross is your hotel reservation card. We would appreciate your reservation reply by March 15th if at all possible.

This year — a location with plenty of fun for the entire family; a streamlined format — to allow time to enjoy exciting Atlanta.

The Omni has reserved a limited number of rooms for April 23, 24, 25 to accommodate those who desire an extended stay in Atlanta — Uptown, Down South. Our banquet will be at Aunt Fanny's, a former slave cabin in the outskirts of Atlanta. Transportation to dinner will be provided.

If you want any further information — shows, shopping, tours, etc., do not hesitate to contact me.

Rick Roberts
692 Longwood Drive NW
Atlanta, GA 30305

WHO? WHAT? WHEN?

What's going on out there? Have heard from no one concerning talks to ski clubs, film shows, etc. You are welcome to use the film, "Skiers Choice" any time. (We have three copies in Southern Division.) Remember *you* are our best promoters.

A sad note: the magazine, *Ski South*, was not published this year. Unfortunate for us and our "Outstanding Patrollers," since it had scheduled inclusion of an article about our own Jim, Sherry and Harwell.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor



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SPRING MEETING

Make plans now, and save your shekels to attend our Spring Meeting in Atlanta, Saturday, April 25. Rick Roberts has some exciting things planned. He has gotten a special rate at the Omni International so make your reservations early and let's have our biggest turnout yet. Patrol leaders, "talk it up!"

In closing, let me thank all of you — patrollers, officers, advisors and your families for your help in making my job easier as

your Division Director
Harwell Dabbs, M.D.

OUTSTANDING AWARDS NOMINATION

All outstanding award nominations are initiated at the Patrol or Section level and are to go through usual channels shown on the forms.

1. Three copies of all pages must be prepared to be forwarded to your division Awards Advisor.
2. Use additional sheets when referring to specific questions as needed, up to a maximum of 5 — 8½ x 11 pages in addition to the printed form. **YOUR NOMINATIONS MUST EITHER BE TYPEWRITTEN OR PRINTED LEGIBLY WITH A BALL POINT PEN.**
3. **PORTFOLIOS, HANDBOOKS OR OTHER TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.**
4. A glossy photo of the nominee must accompany each personal nomination.
5. All nominations must be received by the Division Awards Advisor by March 25, 1981.

OUTSTANDING SKI PATROLLER
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OUTSTANDING SKI PATROL
OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR

Charles T. Benbow
Division Awards Advisor

JUNIOR JAMBOREE

Seven Devils Ski Patrol will sponsor the third annual Southern Division Junior Jamboree on February 21 & 22, and we hope to see all Juniors there! Registration will be at 9:00 a.m. There will be a written First Aid test immediately following registration. Other exercises will consist of a Practical First Aid Test, Ski & Toboggan Test, Lift Evacuation and some fun games and races. Hopefully there will be a mountaineering exercise also.

The winners of the competition will be taken to Lake Placid for the National Junior Jamboree Training Seminar in March. Applications for the National Seminar will be available at Seven Devils on the 21st.

Saturday night Seven Devils Ski Patrol will hold its famous spaghetti dinner with live Bluegrass following. All patrollers and their friends are welcome to come and have a good time together.

FORMER A.D.D. SKIS IN THE SOUTH AGAIN

Tom Worley, his "angel," and children came South for some good Southern Skiing. We all miss them and wish them well. Lucky Central Division!

New Senior Patrollers

Another rainy, sleeting day at Sugar Mtn. greeted the Senior Candidates as they prepared to challenge "Tom Terrific" for their rocker. The group prevailed and ten new Senior Patrollers join the division. They are: E. B. Fox, Appalachian; J. W. Eades, Rodney Farris, John Lawrence, Charles Travis, Gary White, Beech Mtn.; Wesley Benbow, Doug Hall, Seven Devils; Mike Silver, Melinda Waldrep, Wolf Laurel.

The head test judge, Steve Waldrep, was assisted by Gill Adams, Charles Benbow, Sam Bruce, Curley Lathrop and Sherry Perry. Dave Dillard, Past D.D., assisted and demonstrated the proper method for skiing "Tom Terrific."

Congratulations to the new Seniors for a great performance on a difficult day.

Sam Bruce
Carolina Highlands SC

Certified Patrollers

Overcoming man-made and mountain problems, Peter Brigham and Neal Rehberg from Snowshoe attained the highest skill qualification in the NSPS. Patrollers at the examination were: Peter Brigham, David Lilly, Mike Owen, Neal Rehberg, Chip Rettzo, Snowshoe; Ches and Mark Adams, Beech Mtn.; Steve Benbow, Seven Devils; Sherry Perry, Sugar Mtn., Sam Bruce, Southern Division Administrative; Robin Meyer, Brandon Deane, Wintergreen; and Tom Worley, Mt. Brighton. The thirteen patrollers completed various portions of the controversial Certified Examination. Though scheduled this year, there was no skiing and toboggan portion of the examination given, due to the lack of certified examiners. A comprehensive examination on first aid, CPR, hill safety, mountain management and lift evacuation comprised the test. Peter and Neal demonstrated outstanding skills on this year's phase of the examination, and combined with their previous completion of the skiing and toboggan examination, became the second and third certified patrollers in the Southern Division.

The examination was marred due to the lack of three qualified Certified Examiners and differing opinions on first aid problems. The division will continue to upgrade the infant Certified Program and strive to produce Southern Certified Patrollers. The examiners were Slate Altenburg, Eastern Division and Phil Birdsong, Southern Division.

Sam Bruce
Carolina Highlands SC

Testing at Wintergreen

On the weekend of January 17-18 a T & T Patrol Trainer Clinic was conducted at Wintergreen. Six Associate Senior Examiners were certified: Pat Barnes, Tim Carwile, Jim Kneas, Greg Richardson and Nancy Shelhouse from Wintergreen and Glen White from Homestead. Mike Niver and Brandon Deane, Wintergreen, were re-certified as Senior Examiners. The instructors for the clinic were Doug Carlberg, Skyline RD, French Moore III, Phil Birdsong and Richard Chadick. Also attending the clinic were Bob Bodamer, WV/KY SC who certified as a Basic Test Judge and Randy Pugh, VA SC.

The topic of discussion during the morning session was the Senior Test Administration Manual, NSPS Southern Division 1979. This manual provides an excellent guide for all testers by stating standardization of all the testing procedures in Southern Division. Following the in-house training session, the group conducted an on-the-hill self-examination of each other through a side-slip course, a snowplow course, stop in the box, free skiing, and toboggan handling. Scores were compared after lunch and an evaluation of the scores was tallied to enable the class members to determine if everyone graded accordingly. Skiing in the afternoon ended a successful clinic. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the manual.

The weekend of January 24-25 provided excellent weather for the Basic Test conducted at Wintergreen. Ten candidates successfully passed their Basic test. The new Basic Patrollers are: Peter Albert, Fontaine Boutwell, Mary Stuart Dalton, Tom Gainey, Bill Kirchner and Scott Prysi from Wintergreen; Bill Kirchner and John Treier from Homestead. The new Juniors are Steve Bassham from Beech Mtn. and Gina White from Wintergreen. Maggie Dyer and Randy Pugh conducted the First Aid Test on Saturday. The on-the-hill test not only passed 10 candidates on Sunday, it also certified Pat Barnes, Tim Carwile and Mike Niver as Associate Basic Examiners and French Moore III and Nancy Shelhouse as Senior Examiners. Doug Carlberg and Richard Chadick were the certifying test judges.

On Sunday the test was observed by the new Explorer Scout group from Lynchburg, VA. Joe Clark is the group advisor from Wintergreen. Also on the hill Sunday were familiar faces to Southern Division — Keith Argow and family.

Congratulations to new Southern Division patrollers and test judges.

Richard Chadick
Skyline T & T Adv.

T & T CLINIC — SEVEN DEVILS — JANUARY 3, 1980



"General" Sam Bruce reviewing his troops



Sherry Perry carries the load for PL Steve Benbow

On Saturday, January 17th, Cataloochee Ski Patrol's patriarch, Roger Bollinger, connived with area management to stage a chair lift failure. As the patrol made ready for sweep and "Miller Time," the drama began to unfold. The conversation between area management and the lift operators was monitored on the ski patrol radios, and with the call for a Code 10 (lift evacuation) the patrollers methodically took their positions.

They located the stranded skiers and evacuated them in an orderly and professional manner. Only after the exercise was complete did they learn it had been staged. Cataloochee's manager and patrollers jointly lauded Roger Bollinger's hand in training the patrol for such emergencies.

Rick Roberts

VIRGINIA SECTION NEWS

Although old news at this point, the Virginia Section of the Skyline Region got off to a big start in early November with the annual Fall refresher in Charlottesville. Among the almost 100 in attendance were the ten new candidates that make up the Lakewood Village Patrol. On Sunday the Lakewood Village folks went to Wintergreen for a joint on-the-hill.

Wintergreen began operation in mid-December and by January had all slopes open. The Volunteer Patrol has added extra coverage this season as they now handle Sunday nights.

Homestead's new full-time Pro-Patroller is former Volunteer Salty Schaltegger. The reports I have gotten tell of a wonderful season with lots of snow and skiers.

On January 17, Wintergreen hosted a T & T Clinic conducted by French Moore III and Doug Carlberg.

On January 18, six people turned out for the Senior First Aid written and practical test.

On January 24 and 25 the first of two basic tests was held at Wintergreen. Out of eighteen candidates, ten passed.

Sunday the 24th also brought special guests to Wintergreen. Keith & Lou Argow along with their three children came to patrol with us. It's always nice to have help with a test going on.

We still have a first-ever Senior Ski test to be held at Homestead on February 28 and March 1 (note date change), plus we hope to send several Juniors to the jamboree at Seven Devils.

You Patrollers come on up North to see us.

Randy Pugh
Virginia SC

NOTE CHANGES!

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Robert Bodamer - WV/KY Section Chief
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Mike Chandler - Sky Valley PL
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Lithonia, GA 30053
Home Phone: (404) 981-1377

Ron Geist - Avalanche Adv.
Office phone: (404) 952-5481

The Basic Nordic Test started at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, January 24, 1981 at Park Headquarters in Gatlinburg. There were 8 candidates attempting the test, one guest (future candidate) and four test judges.

The group of 13 moved to the top of the Smokies at Newfound Gap to start the field work. Saturday's field work included: a seven mile round trip roving patrol tour out the Clingmans Dome Road, demonstration of the candidates abilities to do Nordic School Functions, route finding and map reading, toboggan building and transportation, toboggan belaying, and weather data collecting. Sunday's field work included: several types of climbs on cross-country skis up the slopes at Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort, continued school functions, several descents using step, stem, snowplow turns and pole drag for speed control. Toboggan ascent and descent was also scored. The test was completed in time for lunch and the scores were tabulated.

Southern Division now has eight new Nordic Patrollers. They are: Jan Delano, Ann Gassman, Ed Gassman, Keith Gray, Cindy Irwin, Farris Jackson, Susan Jackson and Linda Pace. The Division also has two new Associate Nordic Test Judges: Cindy Irwin and Keith Gray. Judges for the test were: Jim Reed, Brian Reil, Lynn Pace and Richard Wienberger.

The New Nordic Patrollers and Judges worked very hard to make the test a success, and Southern Division should be very proud of the group. After all were informed of their new ratings and lunch was under the belt, the group got back together on the hill for a Telemark Clinic. It was given by Don Getty, a Nordic and Alpine instructor at Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort.

The next Nordic test will be given February 6, 7, 8, 1981 at the Mountain Evening Rocker Course at Mt. Rogers. The test will only be offered to those repeating the Rocker Course because of the amount of time needed in each program to become qualified. If another Nordic test is needed in the division, please contact Tom Moss or Lynn Pace for scheduling.

EXPLORER SKI SAFETY

There is a new post in the Southern Division. Dr. Joe Clark, Wintergreen Patrol, is the Advisor for this Lynchburg, VA Explorer Post. He has been doing a great job of training these Explorers, and has about 35 young men and women enrolled in the program (about a third are women). The Post is sponsored by Wintergreen Patrol and the area is supplying them with complimentary lift tickets. We would like to thank Dr. Clark for his help with this new and exciting program.

Post 713 in Greensboro has been hard at work training on the slopes. Many of them spend every weekend with their training advisor, Doug Gilstrip, at Mill Ridge and others with Charles Benbow, RD at Seven Devils. We would like to urge all ski areas to help out with support of this program.

All Explorer posts have an open invitation to the Southern Division Junior Jamboree at Seven Devils on February 21 & 22. Explorers will be competing against each other for "Explorer of the Year," and hopefully a trip to the National Jamboree at Lake Placid on March 20-28. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Norris Woody
Explorer Ski Safety Adv.

PRO PATROLLERS

As professional Director of the Southern Division, I serve on the Board of Directors and act as the voice of the pro patrollers at the Executive Board Meetings. The next meeting is scheduled just before the annual Spring Convention in Atlanta. If pro patrollers have any input let me know.

Sherry Perry

A TRIP WITH HARWELL

Saturday, December 6, a motorhome with three skiers from Huntsville, picked up Harwell in Nashville and headed for the Colorado slopes. We picked up a friend, Mike, from Salt Lake City at the Denver Airport. Then we traveled into the mountains, dodging snowflakes to find good snow at Vail.

Each morning as we rode the first few lifts, we were greeted with cold, dry air that sparkled like diamonds in the sunlight against a deep blue Colorado sky. The first day on a couple of inches of new powder, we found that Doc was a good skier — for the first couple of runs, after which his "quads" forced him to take a break. Throughout the week, we kept telling him "rest on the lift, not on the slopes." Alas, after a couple of days, Doc did acclimate to the thin, crystal clear mountain air; he then made three runs before exhaustion.

Harwell was usually the first to make the Apres' ski scene (damn those quads!) We could depend on him to have a big table with popcorn and Coors reserved at our favorite watering hole, Bart and Yettes.

After skiing, drinking, eating, and usually a little more drinking, we would flop into the rack by 10 p.m. Doc didn't seem to have any trouble keeping up in these activities. Although one night, we played our annual game of RISK (12 of the last 13 years) and Harwell really got involved. I think

because the game deals with conquering countries with armies/national guard. After four hours, Doc and Mike were still battling it out; the rest of us hit the rack.

Friday was most memorable — Harwell invited us for a superb lunch at the Stube, a restaurant at the top of the Lionshead gondola. After 1½ hours of wining and dining, we noticed everyone had left and the waiters were hinting for us to leave. It was difficult to leave such a setting, good friendship and a panoramic view of several mountain ranges clearly visible in the "deep blue." It was 3:00 as we attempted our last runs for the day. Here, Harwell lived up to the true reputation of a gentleman Southern Patroller assisting many of the fairer sex (whether needing it or not) to the bottom. Our last call at Bart and Yettes was fun — it was also difficult to leave.

What a great trip! Doc promised to have his "quads" in shape for our trip next December.

Harwell, a good companion, a good friend — you can not find better.

John Newton
Cumberland SC



Harwell and friends — high in Colorado



Harwell in great form at Vail



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FROM YOUR DD . . .

Many thanks to all those who made the Spring Convention in Atlanta an overwhelming success. Also a very special thanks to Rick Roberts who did a terrific job as Chairman of the Convention Committee. To those of you that did not make the trip to Atlanta "you Goofed."

To the Southern Division Officers and Patrollers who supported me for Division Director: my sincere appreciation and thanks. To those of you who did not support me: I hope in time to come that I may accomplish those things that you need and want done for the Division.

The Division needs all of our support and many talents to keep it as great as it is today. In my own mind, I know that we have talented and capable people who should be using their talents to help their Division. I hope with the help of our Officers that we can use these people in the programs we have going now, and any new ideas that will come in the future.

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SKI PATROL SYSTEM? We know, but there are many people that do not. This may be one of our biggest short comings — not letting other people know about our organization.

I had the opportunity to send an article to the "Greensboro News" recently. In talking to the young lady at the paper about our Spring Convention in Atlanta and the local people that received Awards, it was "What is the National Ski Patrol? I have never heard of it." Two hours later she seemed to think that information about us would make a great article in the fall — before the snow falls. We will remind her.

With the expertise we have with Benning Garrison, it needs to be used a great deal more. Benning can only do the job of Public Relations with our input and help. The same holds true with our own Southern Cross. Bobbie Rupp does an exceptional job with our newspaper, but does not receive the help that is necessary. ANY news needs to be sent to Bobbie to continue the Great Southern Cross that we need to keep everyone informed.

The first function I attended as your Division Director was the Southeastern Ski Area Managers Association Meeting held at Sugar Mountain, on May 1st and 2nd. Doris Benbow and Farris Jackson were also there to help represent the Ski Patrol. I enjoyed renewing old acquaintances and meeting many of the Area Managers who were new to me. Sherry Perry gave a short information session on the Professional Patrollers of the National Ski Patrol and said that if needed, she would help an area find professional Patrollers. A special thanks to Gunther Jochl and Sugar Mountain for allowing us to attend.

I am looking forward to the next two years to be able to get to know more of you as patrollers and the challenge of helping the Southern Division keep on moving forward with a great deal of help from you.

Charles T. Benbow
Division Director

CALENDAR

August	15	Self-evacuation Workshop Look Rock, TN
	29	Executive Committee Meeting 10 A.M. at Jacksons
September	12	Fall Officers Meeting, Sugar Mtn.
	13	Deadline for Southern Cross
January	9	T & T Clinic, Sugar Mtn.
	10	Senior First Aid Test, Sugar Mtn.
	16	T & T Clinic, Cataloochee
	17	Senior First Aid Test, Cataloochee
	23	T & T Clinic, Wintergreen
	24	Senior First Aid Test, Wintergreen
	31	Senior On-The-Hill Test, Beech Mtn.
February	6-7	Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers, VA
	14	Senior On-The-Hill Test, Cataloochee
	28	Senior On-The-Hill Test, Wintergreen

NATIONAL SKI PATROL CHARTER

The National Charter was approved by Congress and signed into law by President Carter. This, of course, is nothing new to you alert patrollers who make up our great Southern Division. Yet events surrounding this issue are not over. As you know, the Charter helps our National organization minimize much paper work in its dealings with state and national agencies. What it apparently will not do yet, is give our many patrols the chance to obtain supplies and materials from "surplus" centers at considerable cost savings.

Past Director Harwell Dabbs and our Legal Advisor Robert Riddle filed necessary forms (for the purchase of surplus equipment etc.). They sadly learned that because N.S.P.S. is not "publicly" funded, that we do not qualify for such surplus purchases. Apparently other areas are experiencing similar problems. Nevertheless, the National Office with a strong committee put together by National Director Don Williams is thoroughly exploring these situations at the federal government level. Hopefully this situation will be ironed out before next season. Stay tuned.

Roger Bollinger
So. Div. Nat'l Charter Chmn.

ATTENTION PATROL LEADERS

Janie Bollinger, Dixie RD, informed me that forms from the national office for annual registration will be delayed because of the new computer. They expect them to be sent out by mid-July, so don't worry about the usual July 1 deadline.

Editor

We have a new Southern Division Director, Charles T. Benbow. For those who don't know Charles, he has served the division for 15 years. He was Patrol Leader for Seven Devils for 4 years, another 4 years as Section Chief and Regional Director for 1 year.

The Division Junior Program has benefited from his help and support, partly from money raised in the Greensboro Ski Swapshop. As a Circle "A" and "M" holder, he moved on to become a mountaineering instructor and for 5 years he has held one of the early (#84) National Mountaineering Instructor certifications. He is a graduate and patch holder from the tough Bridger Bowl Avalanche school. Charles has been active in testing and training and has been a Senior test examiner for 4 years.

He received his national appointment #4993 in 1976. As awards advisor for 6 years, he has developed some new awards and personally framed in walnut all the Division certificates that have been presented.

Charles is an A.R.C. Water Safety, CPR, A.F.A. instructor. The new director somehow has had time to run Boy Scout Troop 141 for the past 25 years. He received his Silver Beaver Award which is Scouting's highest.

Charles is currently serving on A.R.C. Safety committee, Scout training committee, First Christian Church Board of Trustees and is Post Advisor for Ski Patrol Explorer Post #713.

We wish Charles Benbow luck in his new job and I hope you all will join me in giving him our support.

David P. Dillard
Past Division Director

AWARDS PRESENTED IN ATLANTA

National Appointments	John E. S. Lawrence Steven M. Benbow
Outstanding Ski Patrol	Snowshoe
Outstanding Ski Patroller	J. Stephen Waldrep
Outstanding Junior Ski Patroller	Cynthia D. Benbow
Outstanding Professional Ski Patroller	Sherry A. Perry
Outstanding Auxiliary Patroller	James W. Haas
Outstanding Administrative Award	C. Harwell Dabbs, M.D.
Division Certificate of Appreciation	Doris Benbow Roger Bollinger Patsy Harris Mike Harris Rick Roberts Jim Monteith Marge Clinkscales Adele Ghiazza Donald C. Williams, ND
Yellow Merit Star	Alan Romine David Williams Tom Dalton Carol Dalton Daniel Talbott
Purple Merit Star	Neal W. Rehberg Jim W. Haas Peter Brigham Howard V. Tilley Steven M. Benbow

Charles T. Benbow
Awards Advisor



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WHAT A WEEKEND!

Southern Division's Spring Convention was a smashing success, thanks to the special efforts of Chairman Rick Roberts. Those of you who didn't attend missed a golden opportunity. To stay at the Omni Hotel is an experience in itself — spacious rooms and telephones in the bathrooms!

Rick had a hospitality room for everyone's use, which overlooked the skating rink, wa-a-a-y down below. This central greeting place was particularly nice in order to locate fellow patrollers in that huge hotel. Meeting rooms were also easy to find, with "NSPS Meeting" signs throughout the hotel.

The morning business session went well, and ran close to schedule. The afternoon "unstructured" session seemed weak-kneed and foundering. Many people chose, instead, to walk over to Rich's or drive out to Phipps Plaza or Lenox Square for shopping; some took a ride on the new Marta train; some took naps, needed after the meals we ate. What a choice: Like breakfast at Bugatti's, or McMuffins at you-know-where, or the revolving restaurant atop the 70-odd story Peachtree Plaza Hotel; lunch at Herrin's or Bert's (Reynolds) Place — he wasn't there; dinner at the Rue de Paris; and the banquet at Aunt Fanny's Cabin. Busses took us out to this former slave quarters on the outskirts of Atlanta, where everything was strictly Old South — greens and corn bread, country ham and fried chicken, and great black entertainment.

We may have had Rhett and Scarlett with us only in spirit that weekend, but our ND Don Williams was there in person — a special treat, since this was the second year he's come to our Division meeting. Must be we're converting that Yankee to our Southern way of life! Let's hope so.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

Mr. Levitt sent a copy of the following letter to Snowshoe Ski Resort:

February 17, 1981

Mr. George Olsen, Director
State Health Planning & Development Agency
Office of Health Planning & Evaluation
Department of Health
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Mr. Olsen:

I have just returned from a skiing trip in Snowshoe, West Virginia and was given the opportunity to witness an extremely efficient health service.

Early Sunday morning an older gentleman suffered a heart attack while riding up a lift. Upon reaching the top he was laid on the snow where C. P. R. was administered. This was followed by hooking this gentleman up to a portable cardiac machine and starting the necessary I. V.'s. While this process was evolving, a helicopter was dispatched to transport the patient to Elkins, West Virginia. This incident ran approximately 45 to 60 minutes.

I am a hospital planning consultant and deal with twenty to thirty hospitals every year, and I must state that the Ski Patrol at Snowshoe ran smoother than many of these hospitals. This man's life was saved because of the efficiency of these people.

Perhaps in the future if the Resort solicits for grant money to further increase their productivity and training, your HSA will give them serious consideration. If your State ever needs a model in emergency medical treatment, feel confident that you can use the Snowshoe Ski Patrol as an example. The Snowshoe staff should be commended.

Mitchel R. Levitt
Hospital Planning Consultant

CHILE SEEKS PATROLLER EXCHANGE

The Patrullas de Ski de Chile — in other words, the Chilean Ski Patrol — is looking for qualified NSPS patrollers who would be interested in spending a summer (their winter) patrolling in the Andes. In return, they would like to send representatives of their patrol to one or another of our ski areas for the winter season.

Although patrollers would be expected to pay their own air passage, the Chilean Ski Patrol would provide food, lodging, and some pocket money. In exchange, the Chilean patrollers would hope to receive similar privileges at whatever ski area welcomed them. (All patrolling in Chile is on a volunteer basis.)

The NSPS has had a long history of cooperation with the Chilean Ski Patrol, which was modeled after our System. During World War II Minnie Dole and other NSPS officers hosted a group of Chilean and Bolivian ski officials who visited the U.S. to learn how the National Ski Patrol System functioned.

The trophy awarded annually to the Outstanding Ski Patroller in the U.S., inscribed "Al Mejor Companero de Montana," was originally given to us by Chile's Asociacion Sky y Andinismo.

Any patroller who is interested in the possibility of spending a summer at one of the dozen ski areas in Chile, and any patrol leader who would like to welcome a Chilean patroller to his or her home area, is asked to contact the writer:

Gretchen R. Besser
National Historian/International Liaison
227 Tillou Road
South Orange, NJ 07079

LOOK OUT CECIL B.

The movie moguls of Hollywood better be on their toes if they expect to remain in such lofty heights, because Southern Division has a patroller who's ready to step into their shoes. When Jim Reed, of the Great Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol, learned we had films available just for the asking, he decided fellow Tennesseans should see them. He showed "By Nature's Rules" five times, "Castles in the Snow" three times, "In Winter's Domain" twice, and "Skier's Choice" once, to a total of 155 people: Anyone want to top that?

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

NORDIC PATROLLERS

The new Nordic Rocker is now available. Make checks or money orders payable to: Lynn A. Pace, Rt. 2, Box 179 Marcaro Lane, Maryville, Tenn. 37801.

\$1.50 each — If you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope

\$2.00 each — If you do not send a self-addressed, stamped envelope

\$1.50 each — If you come to my house and get them/or in person



WHEN BOZEMAN BECKONED

Nice things really do come in small packages. When the Avalanche Patch course began out in Montana this past March, only five students took advantage of one of patrolling's best deals. It may turn out to be the most successful course so far, since instruction was on an almost one-on-one basis with students. Everyone got to participate in all aspects: ram penetrometer tests; the snow pit, which the girls got to dig; the simulator "hot seat;" a hike to the ridge line, where they keep the major avalanche cache; and recovering the "victim" alive and well and ready for a party.

The folks at Bridger Bowl were, as always, warmly hospitable, and though they didn't come up with Cold Smoke, there was ample snow and sunshine, which made for super spring skiing for the new patch wearers: E. B. Fox, Sherry Perry, Skip Stott, Bob Twomey (whose Twomeyisms kept us alert), and our former ADD, now with Central, Tom Worley.

Extracurricular activities this year included a teenage riot in the motel parking lot. Other than that, the course was sedately run by National Avalanche Advisor Bill Hotchkiss, National Avalanche Instructors Velma McMeekin and Ron Geist, several members of the Bridger Bowl patrol, and one "go-fer."

Benning "Go-fer" Garrison



PATROL NEWS

Cataloochee

The Cataloochee Ski Patrol sponsored a dinner party for the ski school instructors and area management near the end of the season. This was done as part of a continuing effort on the part of the Ski Patrol to foster a good working relationship between Patrollers, instructors and management.

Ed Saleem's fine training program produced three new Patrollers: Lynn Agoos, Ruth Barnhardt and Ashton Walton.

The Patrol's annual meeting was held at the Cataloochee Ranch on Saturday, May 16, at which time Bob Newton was elected as Patrol Director for the 1981-1982 season.

Rick Roberts

Service Awards At Cataloochee

There were 13 service awards presented at the Cataloochee Patrol meeting in May. This is recognition that should be done by each Patrol, but so far Cataloochee is the only Patrol that has requested the Service Awards.

Janie Bollinger	15 Years (National)
Roger Bollinger	15 Years (National)
Jack Brit	15 Years
Jack Hall	15 Years
Mary Twomey	10 Years
Roy Davis	10 Years
Stephanie Cartel Smith	10 Years
Ed Saleem	10 Years
Doug Colwell	10 Years
Bill Dunaway	10 Years
Rick Roberts	10 Years
Tim Liberty	10 Years
Tommy Godwin	10 Years

This group of patrollers represents over 150 years of service to the National Ski Patrol. Very special congratulations and may we have 150 years more.

Charles T. Benbow
Awards Advisor

Gatlinburg

The 1980-81 season was a successful year for nine determined ski patrollers at Ober Gatlinburg. Our patrol is very proud of Glen Brown, Dennis Slagle, and Jim Williams. All three passed their Senior Test February 8 at Cataloochee. We also have three new Junior Patrollers: Marty Calloway, Scott Knoll, and Micah Scott. Our new Basic Patrollers include Ben Long, Randy Stratton, and Ron Tallent. Congratulations Gentlemen!!

Joy Slagle, P.L.

Sapphire Valley

The Sapphire Valley Ski Patrol has been moving ahead with Administration, Safety Equipment, Training and Testing.

Sapphire has acquired a snow groomer which has eliminated snow conditions which could have led to unfavorable skiing conditions.

Our new candidates have been training extensively and have shown a great deal of improvement in first aid and skiing. The Basic Test was given on February 14, 1981. The test went very well and all candidates and patrollers alike learned a great deal from the experience. We congratulate Dean Klien, Norman Craikshank, and Davie Mallot on achieving Basic and Ken and Ned Majors for achieving Auxiliary rating.

Three patrollers went to Mt. Rogers for training in winter rescue and survival and nordic cross country skiing. Carl Mimms and Tom Thomas passed their Nordic Basic Test. Carl

is now in the process of expanding the Sapphire patrol to contain nordic skiers and to form the Shinning Rock Nordic Patrol for our area. Tom fulfilled his requirements in Mountaineering instructors certification for the So. Division.

The Sapphire Patrol has set a goal to whole heartedly support the Scaley Mt. Patrol. We had the Scaley Patrol over for Lift Evacuation practice. We also helped by supplying Scaley's Patrol with patrollers to free up candidates to train, by supplying First Aid Equipment, toboggan, and lift evacuation equipment to Scaley's Patrol. We wish Scaley all the best for a fantastic season.

We would like to thank the executive committee and the division advisors for the helping hand which was extended in friendship to help the Sapphire Patrol have its strongest year.

Sky Valley

On April 11, 1981, the Sky Valley Patrol held its annual Spring Meeting at our home. The business portion of the meeting consisted of a review of last ski season, a look at next season, Patrol By-Laws, Southern Division convention, Election of officers, and awards. We lost several patrollers last season and Doug Dromey is going to look into an ad in the Atlanta Ski Club Magazine in an effort to recruit some good candidates for next year. We also need to look into some sort of public relations and donations at the patrol level. It was unanimously agreed upon that at this time the patrol does not need a separate set of By-Laws since we are covered under the Division By-Laws as well as the National By-Laws. Everyone was encouraged to attend the Southern Division Convention at The Omni on Saturday April 25, 1981. Mike Chandler was elected patrol leader for 1981-82 and given the authority to appoint the necessary assistants and other officers in accordance with NSPS policy. Doug Dromey, Bruce McLean, and Bill Farrell have completed ten years service with the NSPS. Bruce McLean receives the *Iron Man* award this year for most days patrolled.

Mike Chandler, PL

Wolf Laurel

The late February basic test at Wolf Laurel had the candidates sweating in the most literal sense of the word. The end of training which began in October was at hand, and the weather had turned springtime. The hill was still open from the top and conditions varied from mush to ice as well as a 20 mph wind. Test judges for the event were Tommy Godwin — Section Chief, Tom Thomas — Sapphire PL, and Steve Waldrep Wolf Laurel PL. The patrol hosted a party at the end of the day to welcome 4 new basics and 4 auxiliaries. The new basics are Rudy Martinez, Bob McWilliams, Jackson Land, and Vince Rutherford. The new auxiliaries are Rudy Austin, Steve Gatson, Evelyn Mudge, and John Mudge. The new patrollers honored Stuart Ray, the patrol training officer, with a backpack and a "six-pack." The entire patrol congratulated our three new seniors, Melinda Waldrep, Mike Silver, and Stuart Ray.

Wolf Laurel Elections

The Wolf Laurel Patrol elected officers for the 1981-82 season. The officers for the next season are as follows:

Steve Waldrep — Patrol Leader
Mike Silver — Assistant Patrol Leader
Stuart Ray — Training Officer
Patsy Maynard — Secretary/Treasurer

The patrol is appreciative of the work performed during 80-81 season by Margie Carroll and Barney Pendleton.

Steve Waldrep, PL

This will be my last Division Director's report to the Southern Division and to the National Director of the NSPS. It has been an honor, a challenge, and an exhilarating experience to serve you. I want to thank every Patroller in the Southern Division, every Junior, every Candidate on up through the Line Officers and Advisors for the tremendous effort which has been put forth to make our Division what it is today. You have been magnificent. I would also like to thank Don Williams, our National Director and his entire staff for their great help.

Administrative Matters

The Southern Division has continued to grow. Our twenty-four registered Patrols for the past season numbered 594 registered Patrollers, and increased from 513 the previous season. The administrative decision to break down the Division into three regions instead of two (Skyline, Blueridge, and Dixie) proved to be a wise one. With the smaller regions and smaller sections, the Region Directors and Section Chiefs were able to visit the Patrols to get acquainted with the Area Managers, Patrol Leaders and Patrollers first hand, resulting in better communication and better resolution of problems at the local level, which is the way it should be. I am extremely pleased with how we are "making the system work."

Again this season, I traveled over 10,000 miles (at no expense to the Division) visiting Patrols. I was able to visit every Patrol in the Division with the exception of Lakewood Village which closed for the season the weekend I had earmarked for them. I apologize to Lakewood for not getting to you this year.

Advisorships

In general the Advisors and Advisorship Programs functioned well. Timely reports, particularly information given to the Southern Cross, remains a problem, and I would urge all Advisors to be alert constantly to utilize the Southern Cross for dissemination of information to our members. I would also urge all Patrollers to communicate directly with Advisors when you have problems. The entire structure of the system above the Patrol level is to serve you, the Patroller on the hill. Take advantage of it.

The Division is indebted to all the Advisors, but I would particularly like to thank the following: Auxiliary: Mary Twomey for continuing to "plug away" for this important part of our membership; Avalanche Ron Giest for persisting until he finally got a group to go West for the Patch A Course; Awards: Charles T. Benbow, Jr. for his excellent job of running this program; Certified & Junior: Steve Benbow for getting the Certified Program off the ground while keeping the Junior Program at its former standard of excellence; Communications: Farris Jackson for continuing to run this in the highly professional manner he does; Explorer Scout: Norris Woody for making National look up and take notice for the excellent way he got this program off the ground; Fund Raising: Mike Harris for putting together a sound base for fund-raising efforts by direct mailing; Historian/Archivist: Patsy Harris for doing a superb job with this new program; Lift Evacuation: John Lawrence & Keith Gray for the fine training they have given us throughout the years; Nordic: Lynn Pace for doing his usual excellent job in his new assignment; Public Relations: Benning Garrison for her highly professional efforts; Southern Cross: Bobbie Rupp for her consistently high standards in editing the best newsletter in the whole NSPS, the Southern Cross.

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I would also like to express deep appreciation to: All the Patrollers and Section Chiefs and Region Directors for the outstanding job they are doing. To Dave Dillard for helping me immeasurably during the transition two years ago; to my Assistant Division Directors, Farris Jackson, Tom Moss, and Randy Avery; Professional Director, Sherry Perry who has done an outstanding job in communicating with the other Professionals in the Division and to prevent the schism between professionals and volunteers which can so easily develop; to Jim Underwood, the "money man" for bringing a high degree of professionalism to the registration and fiscal program and to Susan Jackson for keeping an excellent record of all the meetings. Last but not least, I want to express my heart felt thanks to my talented wife, Beth, not only for her expert assistance in much of the typing and filing but also for patience during the frequent and long winded phone calls at home and the long hours on the road visiting Patrols during the season. Her loyalty knows no bounds.

Area Management

Our relationship with the Area Management within the Division appears to be at an all time high. The wisdom of our founding father, Keith Argow, is amply demonstrated by this, the fruit of his creative thinking. I heartily recommend that the close liaison between the Administration of the Division and the Southeastern Ski Area Managers Association be continued by having the Division Director or his designee attend their Spring and Fall Meetings and continue the visitation during the seasons. There is, quite literally, no substitute for personal acquaintance and face to face discussion.

By-Laws and Policy and Procedure Book

Farris and Susan Jackson and Randy Avery have accomplished a monumental task in putting together the current set of by-laws and in beginning the policy and procedure book. I would urge that each Patrol keep its copy updated. The policy and procedure is conceived as a workbook in which decisions made at National and Division levels may be recorded and updated so that we will not have to rely on memory on "what the policy is." A copy for each Patrol is here at the meeting and will be distributed to the Patrol Leader or his surrogate as well as to all Line Officers.

The National Scene

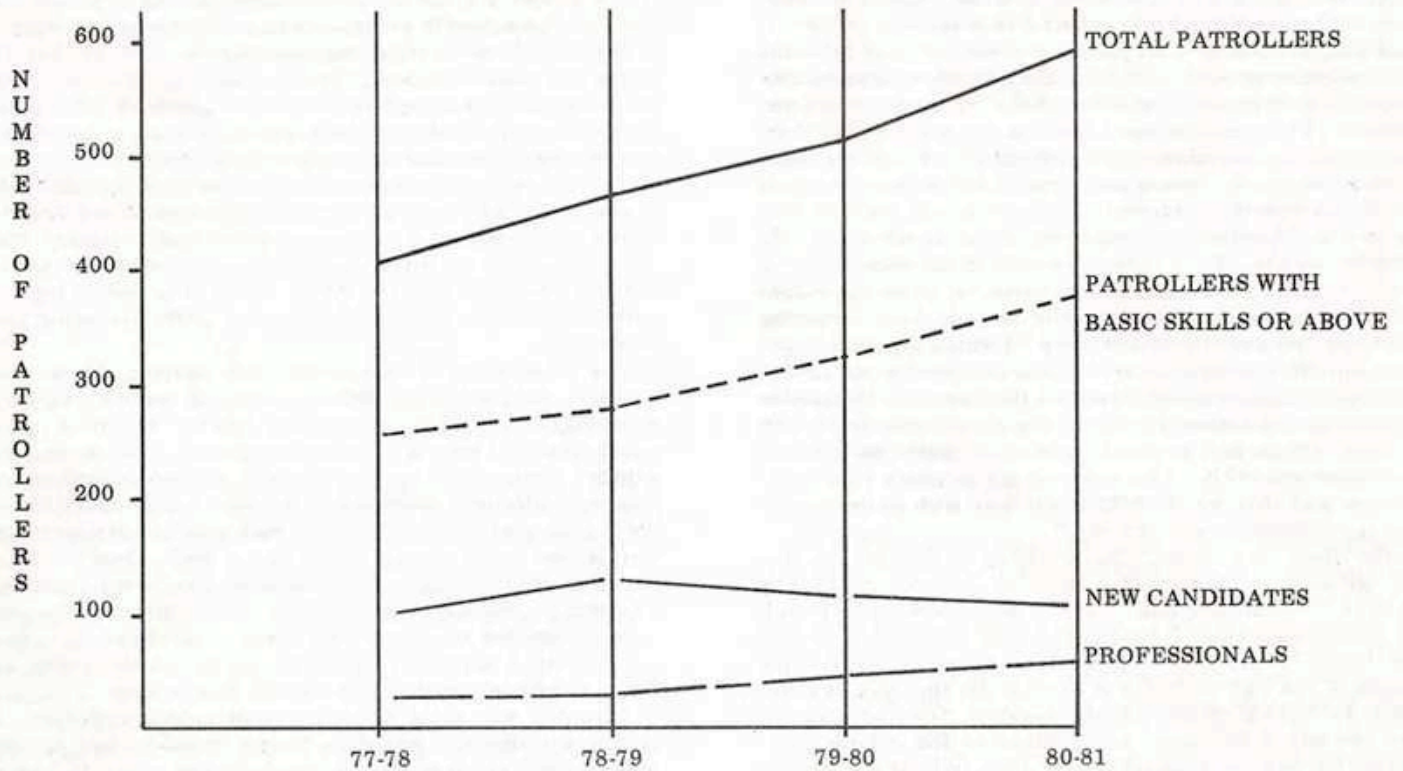
I reported to you at our Fall Officers Meeting, the major events shaping up as a result of decisions made at the National Meeting in June 1980 at Stratton Mtn. As you recall, a decision was made at that meeting to acquire an "in house computer" at the National Office. This has been done and has greatly improved many aspects of the service which we get from the National Office. Another big step forward on the National scene involves the decision to hire an executive administrator. While the exact title in responsibilities still remains to be ironed out, I believe that these things will be done at the next National Meeting in Helena, Montana in June. I certainly support this concept and urge my successor to do so likewise.

The Federal Charter, as you know, has passed and I want to express my appreciation for the outstanding work done by Roger Bollinger and the support given to this effort by everyone in the Division. The decision to decentralize registration proved to be a happy one and resulted in a decrease in the time lag between registration and obtaining new registration cards.

On the negative side we report the resignation of Adele Ghiazza to continue her academic studies. Adele is an outstanding and dedicated worker, having served as Office Manager and Controller at the National Office for several years. We wish her every success in her continuing career. We shall miss her.

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GROWTH TRENDS
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1980-81
SOUTHERN DIVISION, N.S.P.S.
PATROLLER DISTRIBUTION

PATROL	NAT.'L	SEN- IOR	BASIC	JUNIOR	AUX	OLD CAND	NEW CAND	IN- ACTIVE	CERTI- FIED		TOTAL	%
ADMINISTRATIVE	10	5	3								18	3.0
APPALACHIAN		7	11	3	1	2	16				40	6.7
BEECH MTN.	2	11	30	2	8		14				67	11.3
CASCADE			11								11	1.9
CATALOOCHEE	2	10	18	2	2	1	6				41	6.9
CEDAR CLIFF		1	3			11	2				17	2.9
CLOUDMONT	1		3			1	1				6	1.0
GATLINBURG	2	8	22		7	3	4	4			50	8.4
SMOKY MTN. NORDIC			4			1					5	0.8
HIGH MEADOWS			1		7						8	1.3
HOMESTEAD		3	10			2					15	2.5
HOUND EARS			1			2	1				4	0.7
LAKESWOOD VILLAGE						6	4				10	1.7
MILL RIDGE			2	3	3	1	3				12	2.0
RENEGADE			5		1			1			7	1.2
SAPPHIRE VAL.		1	9		3	1	4				18	3.0
SCALEY MTN.			2		13						15	2.5
SEVEN DEVILS	2	3	14	1	1	7	5				33	5.5
SKY VALLEY		3	7	1		1	2	3			17	2.9
SNOWSHOE		3	19	1	2	2	8				35	5.9
SUGAR MTN.	1	16	26	1	1	3	9	2			59	9.9
WINTERGREEN		20	30	1	1	1	15	1	1		70	11.8
WOLF LAUREL		3	18	1	5		10				37	6.2
TOTAL	20	94	249	16	55	45	104	11	1		595	TOTAL
%	3.4	15.8	41.8	2.7	9.2	7.6	17.5	1.8	0.2		%	100

TESTING AND TRAINING



(left to right): Don Polk, John Newton, Mike Holt, Billy Roberts

The first ever basic test was given at Cedar Cliff Ski Resort on February 15, 1981. Three participated and passed. I'd like to welcome the services of Mike Holt, Billy Roberts, and Don Polk as patrollers in the Southern Division.

John Newton SC

The Testing and Training programs experienced a very successful season due to the dedicated work of many patrollers and to the abundance of snow.

The Nordic Program had an especially productive year under the guidance of Lynn Pace. There has also been considerable work done at the national level on this program.

The Junior Program was again guided by the expert hands of Steve Benbow whose Junior Jamboree at Seven Devils was, as always, one of Southern Division's seasonal highlights.

A special thanks should be given to French Moore for his hard work in putting *The Mountaineering Patch Course* on every year. Ample snow and a well equipped, enthusiastic group of patrollers and Rescue Squadsmen made this year's mountaineering experience at Mt. Rogers as enjoyable and meaningful as in the past.

All scheduled activities of the *Testing and Training* programs were successfully held including three (3) clinics and three (3) Senior tests. The Senior test at Homestead had to be rescheduled at Wintergreen due to snow conditions.

The emphasis of the clinics continued to be placed on the proper attitudes and skills required to test patrolling skills. Twenty-two (22) patrollers participated in these three clinics.

A seventy percent passing rate was achieved during Senior testing. At the end of the 1981 ski season, the Southern Division had a total of 22 newly qualified Senior patrollers. A slight problem still remains with persons taking the Senior test without having completed the Circle A and Circle M requirements.

I would like to thank all the dedicated patrollers who have helped make Senior testing a successful ongoing program.

The following candidates passed the Senior Test during the 1981 season: Keith Gray, Administrative; J. W. Eades; Rodney Farris; John Lawrence; Gary C. White, Beech Mountain; Glenn Brown; Dennis Slagle; Jim Williams, Gatlinburg; Norris Woods, Mill Ridge; Wesley Benbow; Douglas Hall, Seven Devils; Robert Bodamer; John Eilers; David Lilly, Snowshoe; Maggie Dyer; Doug Mouxneaux; Robert Pugh, Wintergreen; Stuart Ray; Mike Silver; Melinda Waldrep, Wolf Laurel.

Tom Moss
ADD Testing and Training



The Senior Test held at Wintergreen, March 1st was judged by the following staff: (left to right) Nancy Shelhorse, Pat Barnes, Glenn White, Doug Carlberg, Tim Carwile, and Richard Chadick.

Doug F. Carlberg, RD

SUMMER SELF-EVAC. SEMINAR

A self-evacuation workshop will be held this summer, tentatively on August 15th and 16th, at Look Rock, Tennessee. If interested, contact Joy Slagle (615-581-5818) for registration information and further details.

REPORTS FROM NATIONAL MEETING

To me and eventually for all Patrollers, one of the far reaching decisions of the National Board was to obtain the services of a professional Public Relations firm to enhance the image of the National Ski Patrol to the Skiing Public and also the General Public. With the hope that eventually with a better public image, we anticipate seeing a vast improvement in Fund Raising potential.

Another action of the National Board is to procure the services of an Executive Administrator for the National Ski Patrol System. The Administrator probably will not be selected until the late Fall or Early Winter. A target date of December 1, 1981 is being hoped for. This new position should allow the National Director more time to perform his normal and needed duties. The National Board had the very strong feeling that the position of Executive Administrator is now very badly needed, if not overdue.

VERY SPECIAL INTEREST TO EVERY PATROLLER!!!

The National Ski Patrol System has it's own, in house, computer that should make our own record keeping correct and up-to-date.

ONLY AND IF!!!

You must put the correct information on your registration forms. All dates, numbers, address, courses completed, Patrol classification (Basic, etc.). Your Social Security Number must be on the Registration form and correct. If not, you will be given one. Now is the time to get everything correct. It will be very difficult to make changes on information that is given to the computer incorrectly.

GET IT RIGHT NOW!!!

This being my first Official National Board meeting, it seemed to go well and was very informative. The Northern Division is to be commended for the excellent arrangements they provided. My personal thanks to Jim Whitlock, Northern Division Director, and Gil Wolf and his fine crew that did an outstanding job for everyone.

Charles T. Benbow
Division Director

I attended the National Training and Testing Committee Meeting at the National NSPS meeting in Helena, MT June 24-27, 1981.

Bill Simonsen, National T & T Advisor, conducted the meeting. Its overall purpose was to review division training programs, exchange ideas, and discuss questions of common concerns.

Many interesting things are going on across the system. All divisions appear to be tracking National standards (with variations) to reflect specific Divisional concerns. Southern Division's effort and direction of training and testing in comparison, ranks well and is soundly based.

Every division is concerned about the apprehensions of test candidates. Each pointed out ways they are taking to develop a respectful testing atmosphere to help test candidates demonstrate their best on-hill capabilities.

Many testing variations exist. Like Southern, several conduct on-hill exams by lining candidates up at test stations. Others are moving away from this to a team test where several candidates are assigned to 3 examiners. The examiners guide and observe the candidates through a day to two days of general skiing, toboggan handling and on-slope skills. Discussions on ski patrol philosophy and techniques are held on lifts and in small groups. All mountain conditions are covered with most work conducted on the steepest parts.

Chairlift evacuation techniques are being included in more and more cases. These may be part of a written exam or on-hill or both.

In most cases overall testing and training is concentrating on practical skills and testing situations. Endurance testing seems to be one of skiing non-stop, to the bottom of the mountain and then handling a first aid problem. The test — carrying out the needed first aid.

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Many ideas were picked up during the meeting along with examples of division testing and training programs, exams and recording forms.

We had the opportunity to take a newly developed national first aid assessment exam (wow!) and provide comments to the National Board. While much will yet be done to improve the test, it may be made available to help the system and patrols evaluate first aid levels and training programs. Data banks of well-prepared test questions are being developed from which divisions may draw, to prepare local exams (Senior & Basic).

But even in the enlightened committee atmosphere, we found work sessions were interspersed with testing stations on the Missouri River and the Continental Divide. At these stops we had an opportunity to examine and sample pig roasting techniques, buffalo chip throwing (with Benbow out-distancing the pack of DD's), sampling western roast beef and buffalo (beefalo!), and swapping ideas.

Roger Bollinger

Nine of the ten Division First Aid Advisors met June 25, 26 and 27 to discuss the first aid procedures now in effect and to make recommendations to the National Board which was also meeting. The new National First Aid Advisor, Mike Wyne chaired the meeting.

The committee made the following recommendations to the Board:

- I. Adopt the first three findings of the F.A.S.T. (First Aid Standard and Training) Committee.
 1. The NSPS should remain with the American Red Cross.
 2. Retain the present candidate admission requirements.
 3. Spend less time on non-patrolling related topics in Annual First Aid Refreshers.
 4. Accept the remainder of the report as information, and note that some of the suggestions are already in effect and the remainder are being studied.
- II. That the Journal of Winter Emergency Care be continued as a separate publication, that consideration be given to reducing the issues from 3 to 2 per year, but increasing the number of pages in each issue to cut down on the cost of postage.
- III. To not have a National First Aid Evaluation Exam for all patrollers, but to establish a First Aid Question Bank, on a National level, from which questions can be taken to be used for refreshers, basic, and senior exams.
- IV. To ammend the Patroller Manual, to require a written and practical First Aid exam as a part of the Senior Test.

NOTE: This was passed by the Board and was already in effect in most Divisions.

- V. That the National First Aid Committee meet more often than every 3-4 years, to discuss issues and make recommendations to the Board.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE:


1. The Junior and Auxiliary Program as it pertains to First Aid. It was agreed that these two programs were working well.
2. To attempt a better exchange of information between the divisions pertaining to testing, teaching, training aids and equipment. One method suggested would be through The Journal of Winter Emergency Care.
3. A third addition of the Winter First Aid Manual will be available this fall.
4. To attempt to work out a better system with the American National Red Cross to recertify N.S.P.S. — A.R.C., Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care Instructors who only participate in Fall Refreshers.

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CHARLIE'S CHATTER

Welcome to the 1981-82 Ski Season. The fall First Aid Refreshers are on the way. These are the finest refreshers yet. CPR will not be taught. **TO GET THEIR OWN CPR CARD UP** and see if your pack has all the supplies needed.

An item of concern that came out at the meeting was that not NSPS removed from our parkas. This is a concern of the public and to our ski area managers. This is going to be another unpleasant job to get our own parka to the standards set in the Ski Industry.

We now have two ski areas in Kentucky. At the present time it is not known as to how to work out the details of having a volunteer NSPS.

I would like to solicit the help of all participants and advisors in the following: Auxiliary, Alpine, Mountaineering, Nordic and T & T. We need your help. Hopefully this will get better participation and make more of the programs available to the public. Positions are in the field of training patrol leaders, the RDs and Advisors and will give the participants a chance to try trying to make themselves available over the season.

I hope to see all of you this season, either in person or by mail. ever! Our division may be small in number but we are growing.

Thanks to Sherry Perry and all those who participated in the "Perry Special." Thanks also to Murray for the tour of the condominium.

1981-1982 CALENDER OF

September	26-27	Self Evacuation Look Rock, TN Contact: Joy Sl
October	9	CPR Course Sugar Mountain Contact: Bobbie
	10	Charlottesville, VA Refresher — 8:30
	10	Sugar Mountain, Refresher — 8:30
	11	On-The-Hill Refr green, Homestea Village, Sugar M
	17	lachian On-The-Hill — S
	24	Asheville First A 8:30 a.m.
	25	On-The-Hill — C
	25	On-The-Hill — W
	31	Cumberland Ref Cliff — 8:30 a.m.
November	6-7	Atlanta Ski Show Latkoff, Show D
	6-7	Circle A & Circle Wolf Laurel, Sap Contact: Chuck Steve Waldrep
	7	North Alabama Holiday Inn, Hu Contact: John D
	7	Gatlinburg First 8:30 a.m.
	7	Beech Mountai refresher
	8	On-The-Hill — G
	8	Atlanta First Aid 8:30 a.m.
	8	On-The-Hill — B
November	13-14	Greensboro Swa Four Seasons Ma Contact: Charle Dave Dillard
	18	Flex Session at 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sugar Mountain
December	5-6	Circle A & Circle
	12-13	Circle A & Circle
	19	Basic First Aid T
January	2	Southern Cross o
	3	Basic Test — Ap
	9-10	Circle A & Circle VA
	9	Senior First A Mountain
	10	Testing and T Sugar Mountain
	16	Testing and T Wintergreen
	16	Testing and T Catalochee
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	17	Senior First Aid
	17	Basic Test Suppl

NATIONAL MEETING

An Avalanche Advisors meeting was the National meeting in Helena Mt. It was applauded for its Avalanche Training

Considering that avalanche is not one in the south, our requirement of Circle advancing to Senior classification was as encouraging a higher level of knowledge and skill for the patroller. This places our Southern Division on the same skill level as seniors in those divisions. It is a way of life for the patrol.

We were asked to emphasize avalanche training to the general skiing public. It is a lifesaving effort for the many southern mountains. Please accept or encourage me to present an avalanche story to organizations. Contact me for films or information.

Rob Faisant was named the new national patroller replacing Bill Hotchkiss. Rob is from the Southern Division and will be assisted by Dick Epley of the Southern Division. Goals this year include upgrading avalanche training programs and improving relations within NSPS and also outside of NSPS with the Forest Service and the NSAA.

FLOATING PATROLLER

The Southern Division of the National Ski Patrol is floating in the Patomac River. When I moved to the capitol city in Maryland, the housing was enormous. The price of an apartment was high and you got no return on your money.

Trying to fulfill the life long ambition, I bought a 45 foot boat and moved aboard. The vessel "Maid Marion" is a seagoing home with all the comforts of home; carpets, stove, refrigerator, and a yard that doesn't need cutting!

The "Maid Marion," Robin Hood's boat, is in the North channel of the Patomac River at the end of the river about one-half mile from the Jefferson Memorial. Travel to the city of monuments and enjoy the sunset cruise of the capitol skyline.

T-SHIRT FUND RAISING

Any patrol interested in screen printing t-shirts, jerseys, etc., send art work and ideas for printing to:

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TO ALL PATROL LEA

I have completed three scrapbooks of Patrols, leaders, and other data of the NSPS. I have been asked by several members to have these books to show to all members.

I am now happy to offer to any patrol leaders as I realize most of them do not have these books for a week to view at Patrol conventions.

I am asking that you take good care of our patrols. I have put many hours of work into each of our patrols.

I would also like to ask each patrol leader to send me a few pictures of the patrol. I hope to again put together a scrapbook.

If you are interested in having them, please send me an address where you would like them. I probably mail these via UPS. You can date that you would like to have them on a first come basis and try to work them out as possible.

I am really hoping that this will create interest in each patrol and cause more interest to be taken for this year's scrapbook and history.

SKI MOUNTAINEERING

In order to hasten the process of making M cards and patches, the money collected for these courses *must* be sent directly to the advisor. Until this money is received, no M cards issued. Not doing this has been getting these cards out immensely. In this operation, we hope to have them to you soon.

We have the Ski Mountaineering Manual. It is not required (but recommended) for the M course. It is required for the Mountaineering Manual. The manual is extremely good to help you on the M courses. There will be a charge of \$10.00. If interested in buying one, contact me. I will get with me well ahead of time on the M Patch M course this year will be February. I am looking forward to working with you.

Ski M

Are you a Division Mountaineering instructor? If so, please contact me. We are trying to get a list of all instructors with name, address, and phone number for future reference. We appreciate your help.

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**AN ACT SETTING FORTH
PROVISIONS THEREOF.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina
Section 1. The General Assembly
thereto to read as follows:

“Actions Relating to Ski Areas
“§ 99C-1. *Definitions* —

(1) ‘Skier’ means any person
on a designated and clearly
is a passenger or spectator at

(2) ‘Passenger’ means a person
conveyed on a passenger tramway
or is in the act of embarking

(3) ‘Passenger Tramway’ means
cars on tracks, or suspended
tion shall include such devices

(4) ‘Ski Area’ means all land
operated as a ski area enterprise

(5) ‘Ski Area Operator’ means
safe operation and maintenance

(6) ‘Competitor’ means a person
permission of the ski area operator
operator for the purpose of

“§ 99C-2. *Duties of Ski Area Operator*
the maintenance and safe operation
conformity with the rules and regulations
of Labor pursuant to G.S. 95-10
Act. The North Carolina Department
tramways.

A ski area operator’s duty shall be
to, insuring operating personnel
standards set forth for term
regulations regarding the same
all necessary inspections and

(2) A skier and/or a passenger

- (a) To know the location of the ski area within the limits of the ski area
- (b) To maintain control of the skier’s proper lookout
- (c) To stay clear of the ski area equipment of other skiers
- (d) To heed all instructions in any manner which may be necessary
- (e) To wear retention devices
- (f) Before beginning a descent, to look from the side,

- (g) To not move or impair a person's ability to use a narcotic or other narcotic or any other narcotic or any other narcotic;
 - (h) If involved in a collision before the operator, a motor vehicle, or a tramway collided, except in an emergency, the operator shall provide information shall be obtained. If the operator shall leave the person injured in the collision;
 - (i) Not to embark or disembark a person designated for a tramway;
 - (j) Not to throw or drop any object from a tramway;
 - (k) Not to perform any act which is dangerous to a tramway;
 - (l) Not to use such force as to cause injury to another person;
 - (m) Not to engage in any act which causes injury to another person;
 - (n) Not to embark or disembark a person designated for a tramway;
- (3) A ski area operator shall:
- (a) To mark all tramways with rotating lights or other lights at the ski area;
 - (b) To mark with similar equipment all other ski areas;
 - (c) To indicate that the signs are to be used by passenger tramways must be of the same color as the signs are in current use;
 - (d) To post at or near the ski area a reasonable notice of the rules of the ski area;
 - (e) To provide adequate lighting at the ski area;
 - (f) To mark clearly the boundaries of the ski area operator;
 - (g) Not to engage in any act which causes injury to another person.

"§ 99C-3. *Negligence.* Any person who, as a passenger or ski area operator, causes injury to any person or property of another person violating the provisions of this section shall be liable for the injury or damage caused."

"§ 99C-4. *Competition.* Any person who allows each competitor a reasonable opportunity to be held. The competition shall be limited to, weather and snow conditions. The inspection should have revealed any competitor proximately to the ski area operator."

"§ 99C-5. *Exception.* This section shall not apply to a common carrier."

Section 3. This action shall be taken by the General Assembly.

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Sky Valley's Talley

For years of service on Sky Valley's hills
Watching others go through their uncertainty
May I give a salute
To this little troop
Helping skiers recover from their numerous

For B. Garrison's years over *twenty*
And Geist's years numbering plenty,
Thirteen in all,
From short to tall
Their years of patrolling aren't empty!

At *fourteen* years each, twenty-eight in all
Mike & Peg Chandler have answered the call
They make a good team!
Sometimes they beam!
For a broken arm, they are on the ball!

For their training as Basics at Sapphire
New candidates may they ever inspire!
Thirteen each for the team
Of Dromey and McLean;
Do you think they could change a tire?

We have a dentist named Farrell
Who's sometimes less straight than an arm
While racing a course,
His design, of sorts,
Found his *ten* years were over a barrel!

Moody (3), Warner (7) and son Peter Ge
Plus Hartzler (5) and Holton (2) working
Randy Holton at *eight*-ish;
Priep at first year basic
Totals 122; Oh, Glory! What price?!

To the patrol at sunny Sky Valley,
A slope in the Southeast Region, Dixie;
May we all have fun
In the snow and the sun
And keep our spirits witty!

Author's note: In January 1980, I fell
in the shoulder area. Mike & Peggy Ch
and Lance Webb helped this 6-foot
4-foot Akja. A year later, I became
grateful to these patrollers and just h
part of this great team!

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CHARLIE'S CHATTER

Now that the real ski season has arrived, everyone seems to be into the swing of patrolling as usual.

Doris and I have already had the pleasure of being able to ski and visit with several patrols. I plan to spend some time with every patrol this season, weather and time permitting. I was very pleased to see that patroller's parkas (in most cases) are being cleaned up and have only those insignia that are called for in the Patrollers Manual.

Congratulations to the First Aid Instructors for putting on such good refreshers throughout the division. I was able to attend three. The biggest problem I found was that there were too many patrollers for the facilities where they were held. I think we need to look toward having all refreshers on the Section level. We cannot have the First Aid Refreshers with each patrol having their own as I do not believe we could keep the expertise in First Aid that we now have.

We welcome to the Southern Division the new General Butler Ski Area. It is located in northern Kentucky with Col. Norman Smith as the manager. The NSPS will be serving this area along with paid patrollers. Russ Debuc is the Patrol Director. If you would like to patrol at General Butler, contact Russ (502-732-6668). His address is P. O. Box 347, Carrollton, KY 41008.

All patrollers should start making their plans to attend the division Spring Convention in Asheville, NC on April 30-May 1, 1982. Hope to see everyone there!

Anyone having news items, should send copies to Bobbie Rupp, Southern Cross Editor, and to Benning Garrison, PR Advisor, so she can send it on to The National Patroller. We need news from all patrols so that all patrollers are "in the know." We need YOUR input!

From the Benbow family let us wish that all of you had a very Merry Christmas and that you will have a very prosperous and Happy New Year. See you on the slopes.

Charles T. Benbow, Jr. DD

PATROL NEWS

Mill Ridge

This year we are under new management. The improvements to the slope and lodge will make Mill Ridge one of the upcoming slopes in the South.

The patrol has 12 members, most of them candidates. You can find sled training and snowplow courses going on most any weekend. I would like to congratulate Jay Girard and Greg Miller for becoming the newest Basic Patrollers at Mill Ridge. They both passed the test held at Appalachian Ski Mountain on January 3rd.

For those of you who enjoy the challenge of skiing new slopes, you are welcome to come to Mill Ridge to try out our new slope (The Little White Monster) any time. Sign-on is at 8:30 a.m.

Norris R. Woody, PL

Sugar Mountain

This year we have lights to the top of the mountain for night skiing — seven nights a week. All patrollers are welcome to come and enjoy the longest run for night skiing in the South. Sign-in time is 5:30 until closing.

The first Thursday in February (4th), Sugar Mountain will host the annual Sugar Mountain Pro-Am. Patrollers will be needed to help cover the race course as well as the rest of the slopes. Lunch will be something really special — served in the "Patrol Kitchen."

Sherry Perry, Pro PL

PUBLIC RELATIONS

We now have two Regional Advisors in the division for this very important advisorship. Fontaine Boutwell, Skyline Regional Advisor, is a member of the Snowshoe Patrol. Her address is Route 4, Box 426, Charlottesville, VA 22906. Ron Howko, Blue Ridge Regional Advisor, is on the patrol at Appalachian Ski Mountain. His Address is 548 Pearl Street, Fayetteville, NC 28303. Both of these advisors are said to be very much into "photo-journalism," so be sure to be wearing a smile when you see them. Help them and our own Benning Garrison to get in the news so we can all be "in the know."

HELP NEEDED

I would like a snapshot of all executive committee members, advisors, section chiefs and patrol leaders for the scrapbook for the 1981-1982 season.

This year I have changed the scrapbook some and it is now possible for each patrol to make their own pages for the book if they want to. I will furnish the pages and mail them to each patrol if they would like to make their own. But don't worry — if you don't have someone who wants to take on this task, I will still be compiling all the data and pictures and will take anything you can send me for the book and make good use of it. I just thought it might be interesting to have some of the patrols add their own sheets to the Southern Division Scrapbook. I plan to put tabs on the scrapbook this year and divide it by sections and, hopefully, if I get enough response from each patrol, maybe even by individual patrols.

I'm always open for new ideas and suggestions, so if you have any just jot me a line or give me a call.

Joy Slagle has volunteered to help me in putting the scrapbook together and compiling the history of the division. If you have something to put in this book, please send it to me or Joy. Her address is Route 10, Morristown, TN 37814.

Patsy Harris
Historian/Archivist

January	23-24	Avalanche Patch Course Refresher
	30	Basic Test — Wintergreen
	30	Spaghetti Supper — 6:30 p.m. Seven Devils
	30-31	Southern Division Junior Jamboree & Explorer Ski Safety — Seven Devils
February	31	Certified Pre-test — Snowshoe
	4	Certified Pre-test — Seven Devils
	5-7	Mountaineering Patch Course Mt. Rogers, VA
	6	Southern Cross deadline
	7	Mt. Rogers Basic Nordic Test
	13	Senior On-The-Hill — Seven Devils
	13-14	Basic Nordic Test — Great Smoky Mountains and Gatlinburg
	14	Basic Test — Catalochee
	14	Mid-Winter Executive Committee Appalachian
		20
	21	Senior On-The-Hill — Wintergreen
	21	Senior On-The-Hill — Catalochee
March	5	National Junior Jamboree Boyne Mountain, MI
	5-7	Certified Test — Snowshoe
	7	Basic Test — Gatlinburg
	13	Basic Test — Snowshoe
April	30	Spring Convention — Asheville
May	1	Southern Cross deadline

NSPS HAS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stephen M. Ober comes to NSPS from the American Ski Federation, where he served as assistant to the president. We are very pleased to have someone with his qualifications to fill this important position.

SPRING CONVENTION

The convention this year will be held at the Great Smokies Hilton in Asheville, NC. There is a block of 30 rooms reserved for us, so send your reservation in early. Send your reservation to: Hilton, 1 Hilton Inn Drive, Asheville, NC 28806. Hours for the convention are 9-5 on April 30th and 9-12, May 1st.

SUPER SPAGHETTI SUPPER

You are cordially invited to attend the Seven Devils Annual Spaghetti Supper held in connection with the Junior Jamboree January 30, from 6:30 p.m. until . . . The food and fellowship will be excellent and you will have a great opportunity to meet the future patrollers of the South.

Steve Benbow
Seven Devils PL

PRO PATROLLERS

There will be a "Hem and Haw" session for all professional patrollers on January 23rd. Plan on skiing together during the day with an emphasis on patrol tactics. There will be a dinner meeting and party in the Sugar Hollow Club that evening. Please let me know as soon as possible how many reservations to make.

Sherry Perry
Pro Adv.

NEW BILLBOARDS ARE UP

There are six billboards in the Western NC area that were put up by NSPS proclaiming SKI SAFETY. We hope this will help skiers to be more aware of this important aspect of skiing so everyone will be able to enjoy themselves more. There are two on Route 421, East of Boone, three in the Mountain City/Elizabethton area and one in the Asheville area. Watch for them and promote Ski Safety by skiing safely.

MOUNTAINEERING PATCH COURSE

There will be an advanced Ski Mountaineering Patch Course February 5 to 7, 1982 at Mount Rogers, VA. The classroom work will be held at the Mount Rogers Rescue and Fire Station on U. S. Rt. 58 near the White Top, VA post office. It will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 5th. The field work will be Friday night through Sunday afternoon. All participants must pre-register using the form below with a signed recommendation from either your Patrol Leader or a Division Mountaineering Instructor. Send application and course fee to me by January 22, 1982. All information needed for the course will then be mailed to you.

This course is open to registered patrollers with Circle M and Circle A, Forest Service, Park Service and Rescue Squad personnel possessing the basic equipment (cross country skis and/or snow shoes required), knowledge, mental and physical stamina to take part in a survival type winter weekend. The course is also open to alumni of previous courses. All Southern Division Registered Ski Mountaineering instructors should make every effort to attend.

Course fees include printed material to be mailed or handed out.

NSPS members (1st time participants — includes patch)	\$10.00
Others (1st time)	5.00
Previous Participants (Both NSPS & others)	5.00

French H. Moore, Jr.

NATIONAL PATROL SYSTEM, SOUTHERN DIVISION
APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED SKI MOUNTAINEERING COURSE

NAME _____ HOME _____ OFFICE _____
Telephone No. _____ Telephone No. _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CURRENT NSPS REGISTRATION NO. _____ PATROL _____ REGION _____

CIRCLE A CARD NO. _____ YEAR _____ CIRCLE M CARD NO. _____ YEAR _____

DIVISION CIRCLE M INSTRUCTOR NO. _____ YEAR _____

Evidence of winter mountaineering experience other than Circle M Course _____

Other general outdoor and Mountaineering experience, including schools, etc. _____

Signature of Applicant Date _____ Fee Enclosed \$ _____

PATROL LEADER'S RECOMMENDATION: I hereby approve and recommend the above patroller as candidate for the Advanced Ski Mountaineering Course:

SIGNED _____

DIVISIONAL SKI MOUNTAINEERING INSTRUCTOR RECOMMENDATION: I hereby approve and recommend the above patroller as candidate for the Advanced Ski Mountaineering course:

Ski Mountaineering Instructor Card No. _____ SIGNED _____

AVALANCHE PATCH COURSE REFRESHER

The first Southern Division refresher will be held January 23 and 24 in the Boone area. All those who have taken the Patch Course must renew at least every three years. Classwork will begin 8:30 a.m. Saturday and continue into the evening complete with simulator. The field work will be done on Sunday. If you want to update your Avalanche Course, be sure to contact Ron Geist as soon as possible.

CIRCLE A — CIRCLE M

November 14th was a very mild, cool one as a group of 14 from Sky Valley, Cataloochee and Scaly Mountains attended the Circle A given by Ron Geist. Very useful knowledge was obtained on this serious matter for us southern patrolers who ski out West so that should it happen, we could become part of the solution and not part of the problem. Imagine, being buried in an avalanche . . . at Scaly Mountain??

Later in the day, this group mounted their backpacks for the Circle M and took off to the woods with our "Happy Wanderer," Tom Thomas. (We were even honored by the presence of Ed Saleem!). Somehow, the sun went down too soon, plunging us into dusk only 15 minutes into the trail. The rest, of course, was in total darkness. . . and straight DOWNHILL! Shouts of "low branch" or "watch out for that tree" could be heard as well as bodies falling head-over-heels, backpack and all.

Setting up camp in the dark was an experience, also. The only things clear to us were the sky and the multitude of shining stars over our heads. Around the campfire, Tom filled our minds with some very useful knowledge to some "nickel knowledge," along with some "nickel jokes!"

Ahhh . . . morning! After a breakfast of champions, broke camp, a minority group led the way . . . to a deadend trail . . . (on purpose?). Orient those maps! Check those points! Find those landmarks! The majority group then led us back to our original UPHILL trail and back to civilization.

On the more serious side, the purpose of these courses is to be able to make the best out of a bad situation and, of course, survive! . . . should the worst happen. We thank you, Ron and Tom, for your respective expertise!!

Karen Prip — Sky Valley
Lynn Agoos — Cataloochee

TO ALL JUNIORS

Make your plans now to attend the Junior Jamboree at Seven Devils January 30 & 31. Be sure to be there by 9:00 a.m. Saturday for registration. The competition is challenging and the fun and fellowship with other Juniors in the Southern Division is great. There is also a chance to win a trip to the National Junior Seminar at Boyne Mtn., MI. If you have any questions, call me.

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Junior Advisor

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CERTIFIED

This is the first report to you as the Certified Advisor. I would like to apologize for missing the refresher course with this information, but pregnant wives and newborns don't pay any attention to calendars.

The Southern Division now has the opportunity to have a full-fledged certified program. The necessary financing to get the program off the ground has been made available, thanks to the officers of the Southern Division. The certified program is designed to bring patrolers to maximum awareness as they relate to the public, to ski safety and to area management.

If you are a volunteer patroller with at least five calendar years and 150 days accumulated, you are eligible to participate. Professionals must have two years and 90 days. Patrol leaders, if you have a volunteer or professional that you feel is qualified for the program, get that person involved.

Those persons interested must have these applications and two letters of recommendation in by January 15, 1982.

Precourses for new candidates will be held at Snowshoe on January 31, 1982, and at Seven Devils on February 4, 1982. Old candidates are encouraged to attend. The Certified Test will be given March 5, 6, 7 at Snowshoe.

Because all special programs of the NSPS are to be self-supporting, all applicants old and new, as well as current certified members, will be required to pay \$25.00 this year. Next year new candidates will pay \$25.00, with old candidates paying \$15.00 and certified members a \$10.00 fee.

For more information, please contact Neal Rehberg, Snowshoe Ski Patrol, Snowshoe, WV 26209 (Telephone — Area Code 304/ 799-6600, Ext. 185). Start the necessary paper work now.

Neal Rehberg
Certified Advisor

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The Southern Division leads the nation in this program. We are proud to have four working posts in the South. We hope that all patrols will lend a helping hand working with these young men and women, training them in techniques used by NSPS.

Asheville, NC has the newest Explorer Post in the South. Steve Waldrep and Bob Newton are the post advisors. They are doing a great job training the post members in Advanced First Aid. We would like to thank Cataloochee and Wolf Laurel for being the host areas for the post.

We hope all explorer posts are well represented at the Junior Jamboree at Seven Devils, January 30-31. Also, keep in mind the National Jamboree at Boyne Mountain, MI, February 28-March 5.

Norris P. Woody
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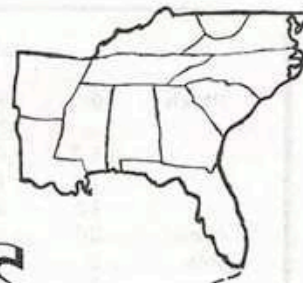


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CHARLIE'S CHATTER

It seems that our Ski Season has taken a temporary turn to unfrozen precipitation. Our weather is giving us about as much trouble as we have had trying to get the January issue of the Southern Cross to you. The Southern Cross was printed on time, but we were unable to get the address labels from the National Office. With all of the construction and remodeling at the National Office to get the space ready for the computer, and with the (so they tell me) normal problems of getting a new computer facility working properly, there was a delay of about a month from the promised date. I guess this is a long way to say that we are sorry if you did not get your January Southern Cross. Bobbie may have aged by twenty years after her trials and tribulations with the National Office while trying to get the mailing labels.

To the Juniors that did not participate at the Southern Division Junior Jamboree, you missed a great deal of fun and fellowship with twelve of your fellow Juniors from the Division. Six patrols were well represented by their Juniors. The three top spots went to Gena White, Wintergreen; Caron Owen, Beech Mountain; and Mari Poe, Appalachian Ski Mountain. My congratulations to these young ladies and their patrols.

To those of you that did not get to Seven Devils for the Spaghetti Dinner, you missed a great night and some fine eating. It may be just as well though since they served over 130 people, and for the first time there wasn't anything left to worry about taking home. Again, my congratulations to The Seven Devils Patrol for putting on a very fine Spaghetti Dinner and a very successful Junior Jamboree. Many thanks also to the management of Seven Devils for allowing us to use the mountain for the Junior Jamboree.

The Southern Division Spring Convention will be in Asheville, North Carolina this year and is now looking like it will be every bit as good as last year. Make your reservations to the GREAT SMOKIES HILTON as soon as possible. Any reservations after March 30, 1982 will be only if space is available. We would like to have every patroller in the Division attend the Spring Convention.

To date I have not visited five of our Ski Areas. Weather permitting, I will visit these areas within the next two weeks. Think snow! I hope to see you soon.

Charles T. Benbow, Jr. DD

CALENDAR

March	5	National Junior Jamboree Boyne Mountain, MI
	5-7	Certified Test—Snowshoe
	7	Basic Test—Gatlinburg
	13	Basic Test—Snowshoe
April	30-	
May	1	Spring Convention—Asheville
	3	Southern Cross deadline

SERVING BECAUSE WE CARE

In this new generation of more proficient skiers, we too often forget the basic Ski Patrol proposition, "Patrol on Skis, not skiing on Patrol." Today, the Gold Cross and Rust Parka has to be shown as helpful and caring to everyone on skis.

We must be seen on the slopes giving First Aid, compassion and help! Yes, Help. Try stopping and picking up the small child, the tangled beginner and anyone else needing help.

When was the last time you stopped to help a person put on skis, pick up a pole or pick up and dust off the snow covered child?

Just think of the PR and the Patrol image if just once a day each and every one of our 630 people stopped to help. This would truly be a step in the right direction, because we are serving because we care.

David Dillard
Past Division Director

OUTSTANDING AWARDS NOMINATIONS!

All Outstanding Awards Nominations are initiated at the Patrol or Section Level and are to go through usual channels shown on the forms.

1. Three copies of all pages must be prepared to be forwarded to your Division Award Advisor.
2. Use additional sheets when referring to specific questions as needed, up to a maximum of five (5) (8½x11) pages in addition to the printed form.
Your nomination MUST either be typewritten or printed legibly with a ball point pen.
3. PORTFOLIOS, HANDBOOKS, OR OTHER TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.
4. A glossy photo of the nominee must accompany each personal nomination.
5. All nominations must be received by the Division Awards Advisor on or before MARCH 28, 1982.

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Charles T. Benbow
Awards Adv.

The various programs are progressing despite the unpredictability of the winter weather. With the assistance of the regional advisors for testing and training, Richard Chadick, Gil Adams, and Roger Bollinger, three clinics for test judges were conducted, which were hosted by Wintergreen, Sugar Mountain, and Cataloochee. Several new senior test judges were certified.

A Senior on the Hill test was conducted at Seven Devils by Steve Benbow. The Senior test scheduled for Cataloochee was changed to Sugar Mountain due to weather. It was conducted by Rick Roberts.

A recertification for Avalanche Rocker holders was conducted by Ron Geist in January. Beech Mountain was the host for this weekend course.

The Junior Jamboree was conducted at Seven Devils—the top three Patrollers were young ladies!

Nordic patrollers have covered two telemark races at Canaan Valley and Cataloochee and plan to cover two more. The mountaineering rocker course was held at Mount Rogers. French Moore arranged for a Virginia Highway Patrol helicopter to participate in an exciting rescue mission.

As lift evacuation advisor, John Lawrence is currently reviewing a National Lift Evacuation Manual. He is looking for input from experienced persons.

Like all of us I am hoping for a few more weeks of winter so we can complete our training programs for 1982.

Tom Moss
A.D.D. T & T

Congratulations are due—seven out of seven candidates taking the patroller hill test at Scaley Mountain Ski Area on February 7th all passed. The new patrollers, including one Junior, are: Robert D. Burns, Bennett A. Hall, Chuck Latkoff, Jr., Jan K. Nesbit, Colin Pilling, Tim Ware and John P. West.

All examiners remarked that this was one of the best groups of candidates they'd had the pleasure of testing. The results speak exceptionally well for Scaley's training program (conducted by Steven Newall) and PL's Latkoff selection and approval of candidates to take the test. Roger and Janie Bollinger, Chuck Latkoff, and Rick Roberts conducted the examination. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Roger Bollinger
Dixie Region T & T Adv.

A Basic Test was held at Sugar Mountain on Saturday, February 20th. Those who passed are: Bobby Kanoy, John Ormand, Robin Waters and Jimmy White from Sugar Mountain; Kevin Bilodeau, Steve Clymer, Jimmy Harding, Chris Larson, Tom Moore, Joel Toates and Lori Trexler from Appalachian Ski Mountain; Barbie King and Caroline Tremblay from Seven Devils; Baxter Allen from Cataloochee. Bill Dachille was head test judge and Blake Brown, Ron Howko, Clark MacDonald and Sherry Perry assisted.

A Senior Test was held at Sugar Mountain on Sunday, February 21st. Rich Rucker, Sugar's PL; Margie Carroll from Wolf Laurel and Pete Knowland from Cataloochee are the new Seniors in the division.

Clark MacDonald was head test judge and Bill Dachille, Bob Twomey and Steve Waldrep assisted.

Congratulations to all!



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CIRCLE M COURSES

With clear skies and temperatures down to 5°F the following patrollers tromped into the woods on cross-country skis to complete the basic mountaineering course at Snowshoe on December 12 and 13, 1981:

Jeff Olson, Hugh Bean, Jim Haas, Fontaine Boutwell, Ed Johnson, Rob Humphris, David Cline, Mike Owen, Alan Romine, Rick Sharp, and Jan Starr.

Nancy Shelhorse
Skyline Mountaineering Instructor

I think we have a new record low temperature for a Circle M Course! These four brave patrollers successfully endured -20°F temperatures with a windchill of -56°F at Homestead on January 9, 10. They are: Mary Stuart Dalton, Paul Hardy, Bill Pearson, and Bill Bowling. A roaring fire and tall tales from the two Bills kept us in great spirits.

Nancy Shelhorse
Skyline Mountaineering Instructor

Editor's Note: During the Circle M Course held at Snowshoe in January 1976, the windchill was -79°F. It was COLD! I know as I was there and remember it well.

NORDIC NEWS

Keith Gray has been named Assistant Nordic Advisor so that the division might have better Nordic coverage and that the training and testing could be on a much more attainable level for those patrollers interested.

Lynn Pace
Nordic Adv.

6TH ANNUAL PATCH MOUNTAINEERING COURSE



Evacuation of victim (Tom Moss) by the Virginia State Patrol helicopter.

As always, we had a great trip to Mt. Rogers with 48 survivors (including 2 dogs). By the time we got in Friday night everyone was wet from sweat. Camp was set up with no problems, and it didn't take long for everyone to hit the sack. By the time we got up Saturday to start breakfast, rain had turned to sleet and then to snow. We had enough snow to cover the ground and it looked like a Winter Wonderland. Groups were formed and everyone went to their classes. We had firebuilding, map & compass, rope work, and search & rescue. Sunday morning the temperature was 6 degrees at breakfast time. Just as we were finishing breakfast, we received a report (part of the course) that there had been a plane crash near Breyer Ridge, not far from our camp, with four people in it. By 9:20 the hasty party had gone out and by 9:30 the other three search parties were in their designated areas. By about 11:00 all four victims were located and were receiving first aid. The Virginia State Patrol brought in a helicopter to assist with the evacuation of the victims and to demonstrate a harness lift from the ground. Lynn Pace was the lucky victim in the harness exercise.

We had an extremely interesting course in which we had total participation and cooperation from our group. I think everyone attending any of these courses has learned a lot of important information that will be of real help in many circumstances. We had a variety of weather to be prepared for—from rather warm sunny weather to foggy cold and some snow. We all hated to leave. We hope you'll join us next year.

Chuck Benbow
Ski Mountaineering Adv.



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A word about the Ski Hotel accommodations. Small 2 bed rooms, no private baths, excellent food like 3 meals a day, no problem about heat or hot showers, bring your own playing cards or chess sets, ski movies available, transportation to town available, large indoor pool available in town, Rotary Club meets Thursday noon.

What about the two days in Reykjavik? First day—recover from "jet lag" and wander around Iceland's largest city. What? no smoke or dirt or smog or etc., etc., wonder at the huge outdoor heated pool and steam coming out of the little shacks in the middle of parking lots. Second day a bus tour to Hveragerdi, where you'll see one of the island's largest industries: flowers and fruit growing in huge greenhouses, heated by stream from the ground!

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 Ivar Sigmundsson—former Olympian and now a Res Manager.
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Dear Harry;

On behalf of the Southern Division of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc., I would like to thank you and your company for the donation of the artwork and four locations for our "Ski Safety" poster. All of you have been extremely patient and cooperative with us. The posters are in good locations and we've had numerous compliments on them. I've seen all the ones you put up except the last one you were to locate in the Mountain City area. I've also seen one on highway 105 between Boone, NC and Invershield. I would appreciate it if you would send me a location list for the Mountain City board and for the ones put up by Naegle and Appalachian Outdoor. Also I'd like to have the addresses of the companies along with a contact person so we can properly thank them.

Harry, I hope you'll keep this in mind for the 1982-83 ski season also. We'll try to start earlier next year so we won't be so rushed.

Again, thank you for all your help.

Sincerely,
 Farris Jackson
 Assistant Division Director

1982 SPRING CONVENTION

The meetings will be at the Hilton. Room reservations should be made by each individual patroller; room rates are \$45.00 single, \$55.00 double. Please mail reservations directly to the Hilton, One Hilton Inn Drive, Asheville, NC 28806.

The convention will begin on Friday, April 30th at 5:00 p.m. with a get-together in a "Hospitality Room." The executive committee will have a breakfast meeting at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday. All patrollers should attend the meeting held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The dinner and awards program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

We have in mind the following activities for Saturday afternoon and would like to have an indication of interest. We would appreciate having those who plan to attend checking their areas of interest and returning to Steve Waldrep, Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, 201 South Main Street, Hendersonville, NC 28739. Events that we are contemplating are: a river trip, Biltmore Estate trip, and a three-mile run.

Mary Kay Twomey will be handling registration and we would appreciate having advance registration sent to her at 29 White Pine Drive, Asheville, NC 28805. The registration fee will be \$12.00 and will include a cocktail hour and dinner at the Fireplace Restaurant on Saturday evening.

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CHARLIE'S CHATTER

Here we go again, Ski Season! I have been getting all of us to start getting ready for our one. Either the summer went faster or I a

The Southern Division is growing, not in Wintergreen have all made major improvements should have an increase of about 10% up we are looking at numbers only. I think number that can be signed on. The Sou time or never will be to expect anything le

One item from the National Meeting at C dues increase for all Patrollers. The easie that voted to increase the dues need mo Dollars than any organization that I kno It has more information on First Aid, S years, you know what expense there is i room for the new (now working) compu receive from our dues: Liability insurance of National Advertising program with E American Motors program that any Patro the new parka that will be available this quality on the market. New catalog wit benefit of is our Executive Director, Stev known organization. This I do not think

There will be a few that do not believe t the National Ski Patrol System as I do.

The one area that we need help on are regional people are: Auxiliary, Awards and most of all *Training and Testing*. Plea

Our Southern Cross is every Patroller's n have a good Southern Cross. We need l The Southern Cross is the best way that Director for each issue of the Southern C items.

Again, my reason for being the Division D and see if I can be of any help. Small pro

We need everyone to think SNOW, and le

Oct. 17	Cascade—CPR Refresher
23	Grandfather Section—First Aid Refresher
24	Beech-Ski Swap Grandfather Section—On the Hill Refreshers
29	Cumberland Section—First Aid Refresher—Huntsville, AL
30	Asheville—CPR Refresher—Cross Center Asheville—First Aid Refresher—Cross Center
31	Snowshoe—First Aid Refresher—Carolina Highlands—First Aid Refresher—Beech Mtn.
30-31	Cataloochee, Wolf Laurel, Snowshoe, Cascade, Carolina Highlands, Cumberland Section, WV/KY Section Refresher—Resort
Nov. 6	Charlottesville—First Aid Refresher Appalachian—Lift Evacuation
7	Atlanta—Swap Shop Homestead, Wintergreen—CPR Refresher
12	Atlanta—CPR Refresher—Cross Center
13	Atlanta—First Aid Refresher—Cross Center Gatlinburg—First-Aid Refresher
13-14	Appalachian—Circle A, Circle B, Circle C (3-day session)—Laurel Mtn. PA, Sky Valley, Scaly Mtn., the Hill Refresher
14	Cataloochee (tentative)—Lift Evacuation Seminar
20	Huntsville—Ski Swap, Carri-ville, AL.
21	Cascade—Lift Evacuation F
Dec. 4-5	Seven Devils—Circle A, Circle B, Circle C
5	Mill Ridge—Nordic Basic
11	Mountaineering Patch C (3-day session)—Laurel Mtn. PA, Wolf Laurel—Basic First Aid
18	Wintergreen—Circle A, Circle B, Circle C
18-19	Appalachian—Basic Test
19	
Jan. 2	Southern Cross Deadline
8	Snowshoe—Basic First Aid Hound Ears—Basic Test Wolf Laurel (tentative)—Training Clinic

ADD TRAINING—FALL RE

The upcoming ski season promises a ties for ski patrollers to participate in conducted at the patrol, regional, division. Through these programs, patrollers expand their knowledge, meet other and participate in the development of below are various opportunities available for patrollers. Specific dates for acti calendar of events. Any questions abo of these programs should be directed to me. I cannot emphasize enough how m is needed.

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LIFT EVACUATION SEMINAR—M tion, self evacuation/1 day.

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JUNIOR JAMBOREE—National/con standing junior patrollers for all division hill skills/this year's jamboree is sched for 5 days.

BASIC PATROLLER—A patroller strate first aid and on-the-hill skills to a patrolling.

SENIOR PATROLLER—A patroller strate superior first aid and on-the-hill M, and patrol leader recommendations a

CERTIFIED PATROLLER—A pat demonstrate the skills and knowledge professional level/pretest is necessary/2 t

SENIOR TEST JUDGE CLINICS—T judge/clinic includes how and why to t each candidate to demonstrate skills at a

Thank you for your participation.

DIVISION SCRAPBOOK

The 1982-83 scrapbook is being co ski season. I hope everyone will keep lots of pictures of your fellow patrol parties, etc.) or pictures of anything patrol or the division. For example, is a beautiful suppliment to the scrapbo make money for patrols. You may sen or contact me and I will send you blank to fill on your own. Your patrol will no scrapbook unless pictures are passed o for your help.

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There will be an advanced Ski Mountaineering Course to be held at the Mount Rogers Rescue Center on Friday, February 4th. The course will start at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 4th. The fee for the course is \$10.00. Send application and course fee to me at the address below.

This course is open to registered patrol leaders possessing the basic equipment (cross-country skis, poles, boots, etc.) and having participated in a survival type winter weekend course. Ski Mountaineering instructors should also apply.

Course fees include printed material to be used in the course.
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Evidence of winter mountaineering experience _____

Other general outdoor and Mountaineering experience _____

Signature of Applicant _____

PATROL LEADER'S RECOMMENDATION
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For visiting patrollers: sign on is at 9 will not need to stay until closing. A receive one complimentary lift ticket. Additional lift tickets are available at regular patrol is growing and currently patrollers and 4 candidates.

So, the next time you can't stand are skiing with a child, or with a frien are debilitated from debauching activitie and looking for an easy ski day, come Ears.

Mill Ridge Has New F

Mill Ridge will open with a new face the Patrol Clinic, featuring new carpe toboggan, and most importantly, new event someone gets lost in our mass of We will have a number of new candi expansion of our training program whic weekend. We welcome any visitors and in For any of you who feel we are too sn guide a loaded sled down Go-For-It (Run

We will be pleased to host those c patrollers, or advancing auxiliaries that ha ing at overcrowded resorts; please call a for increased attendance.

Congratulations to Sam Painter who p late in last season. Many thanks to Bert put in many preseason hours helping rebuild our patrol room.

We are happy to announce that Al and as Mountain Managers and they have inf be receiving a new snow groomer in the year, Mill Ridge will be finetuning its slo resort without a visit!

Wanted

Sapphire Valley, known for its friendly loving slopes, is looking for patrollers—visiting.

Amenities are expected to include a a discount on rooms. Since the Fairfield for renovation, accommodations will be Fairfield Sapphire Valley property or in th For further information contact me.

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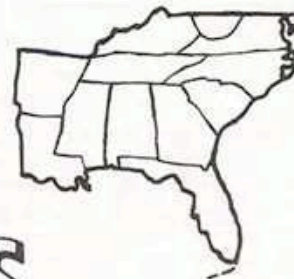
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CHARLIE'S CHATTER

As of this date I have been able to ski or visit with all the Ski Patrols in the Southern Division. We spent most of the Christmas week in the Boone area with the rest of the Floridians looking for the white stuff—with very little luck.

The Southern Division would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Ski Clubs that made donations to the Division last year:

Augusta Ski Club
Catawba Valley Ski Club
Coastal Ski Club
Durham-Chapel Hill Ski Club
Greater Charleston Ski Club
Greenville Ski Club

Knoxville Ski Club
Palmetto Ski Club
Raleigh Ski Club
Salisbury Ski & Recreation Club
Winston-Salem Ski Club

This year our main concern is that the Southern Division is a whopping \$2,500.00 behind in Ski Club donations for the current year. If we are to keep our Dues down and maintain all the programs that are available to our patrollers, we need your help.

If there are patrollers who have connections, or that are connected with any of these Ski Clubs, please contact them for a possible donation to help Ski Patrol this year. If any contacts are made, please let Mike Harris or me know.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to all the New Senior and Basic Patrollers. This is also a big vote of thanks to all the Patrol Leaders and Training Officers who have invested many hours to help these new basics and seniors be a great part of the Southern Division.

More thanks to all the Patrollers that helped Steve Benbow make the Junior Jamboree another great success. The only thing lacking were the Juniors who did not see fit to participate. Again my congratulations to Gena White, Wintergreen, our number one young lady and Junior this year, and also to Dale Spencer, from Appalachian Ski Mountain, who was a very close second. Many thanks to Jon Reynolds and his Hawksnest management for allowing the Junior Jamboree to be held there.

We need to look at our National Patroller Supplies and Equipment Catalog along with Patroller Registration. Have you received items that were ordered in a reasonable time, was it what you ordered, was it the quality that you expected? If any of these come out with a negative answer, I need to know to be able to help solve the problem.

The Spring Convention will be at Virginia Beach on April 30th and May 1st, 1983. This should prove to be a delightful meeting and fun time, something for everyone—fishermen, sight seeing, history buff. The only problem may be too many things you would like to do in only one weekend.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Spring Convention.

Charles T. Benbow, Jr. D.D.

CALENDAR

March 19	Snowshoe—Basic First Aid Test
20	Snowshoe—Basic Test
20-27	Avalanche Patch Course, Boseman, MT
26-30	National Junior Jamboree—Crested Butte, CO.
April 30-31	Spring Convention—Virginia Beach
May 15	Southern Cross Deadline
Aug. 27	Executive Committee Meeting
Sept. 17	Fall Officers Meeting—Appalachian

OUTSTANDING AWARDS NOMINATIONS!

All Outstanding Awards Nominations are initiated at the Patrol or Section Level and are to go through usual channels shown on the forms.

1. Three copies of all pages must be prepared to be forwarded to your Division Award Advisor.
2. Use additional sheets when referring to specific questions as needed, up to a maximum of five (5) (8½x11) pages in addition to the printed form.
Your nomination **MUST** either be typewritten or printed legibly with a ball point pen.
3. PORTFOLIOS, HANDBOOKS, OR OTHER TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.
4. A glossy photo of the nominee must accompany each personal nomination.
5. All nominations must be received by the Division Awards Advisor on or before **MARCH 28, 1983**.

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OUTSTANDING SKI PATROL.

Charles T. Benbow
Awards Adv.

WANTED: PICTURES-PICTURES-PICTURES

The Division 1982-83 scrapbooks look very bleak and empty. Your Patrol and its members will not be represented unless I receive those fabulous pictures you guys and gals have taken all season. Please send me your prints or slides so your patrol will not be left out of this year's scrapbook.

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Rt. 10, Box 693
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615-581-5818

IN MEMORIUM

It is with true sadness we report the death of the older son of Bruce McLean, Assistant Patrol Leader at Sky Valley, early in February. Manley was a fine young man, a strong and skilled skier, who would have been eligible to join NSPS in two years. All of Southern Division shares this loss, and extends deepest sympathy to Bruce and Betsy and their son, Gray.

Southern Division sent a memorial in Manley's name.

Benning Harrison
PR Adv.

SEVEN DEVILS SKI AREA IS NOW ONLY A MEMORY!

For the last 12 years Seven Devils has had either a new management or new owners every year. This year was no exception but things are definitely looking much better. First the name is no longer Seven Devils Ski Area—now it is Ski Hawksnest at the Town of Seven Devils. The new owner is Jon Reynolds, an avid skier and not a newcomer to the ski industry. Jon has been involved with Appalachian Ski Mountain for years. This experience, combined with his experience with L. A. Reynolds Construction Company, will make Ski Hawksnest take on a whole new look.

This summer Jon is planning to move the Intermediate chair lift, that will give us a better Intermediate Run. His ten year plan includes adding two new chair lifts (one beginner and one advanced), a new snow making pond, a 350 car parking lot, and possibly a new lodge. He has already purchased several new snow guns (SMI style), a bigger water pump, and a new compressor. Needless to say the Hawksnest Ski Patrol is very excited.

Steve Benbow
Ski Hawksnest, PL

MISSING: ONE INSTRUCTOR

Patchy fog dipped in and out of the North Carolina mountains that Saturday in November when the Lift Evacuation Seminar was scheduled at Cataloochee. Does a little fog ever deter a good ski patroller? Heavens no! On hand bright and early and ready to go (though we couldn't even see the railing bordering the porch) were 12 patrollers, two representatives of Cataloochee's management and a lift operator. Only one thing was missing: the chief instructor, Keith Gray.

All was not lost, thanks to Roger Bollinger and Bob Twomey, who rigged evacuation ropes to the eaves of the lodge ceiling, nailed a "chairlift seat" to a cross beam, and conducted the seminar. The most fun? Finding you really could pull yourself up a rope to the "chair;" the least fun: stepping from the ladder over to the seat on the cross beam.

Attending were Janie Bollinger, Bob Newton, Mary K. Twomey and Lynn Harrell, all Cataloochee; Margie Carroll and Bob Feldmann, Wolf Laurel; Mike Chandler and Peter Geist, Sky Valley, and Ron Geist and Benning Garrison, Administrative. We missed you, Keith!

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

JUNIOR JAMBOREE

The Southern Division Junior Program is still alive and kicking. This year's Division Junior Training Seminar was a real success and lots of fun for the eleven juniors who attended. The two days of competition, topped off with the spaghetti dinner, ended with Gena White from Wintergreen taking First Place, Dale Spencer from Appalachian taking Second Place, and Missa Scott from Gatlinburg Third Place winner. Unfortunately we could only finance the top two winners to the National Seminar but at last count there will be 9 Juniors there. A total of 30 Patrollers from the Division are going to the National Seminar the week of March 26th thru April 2nd at Crested Butte, Colorado.

The competition on the Division level, as well as Nationally, is still very tough. This reflects directly back to patrol training programs, so keep up the good work Patrol Leaders and Training Officers.

Don't forget that the 1985 National Junior Training Seminar will be in the Southern Division. I will need as much help as possible setting it up. Anyone wishing to help, please contact me.

Steve Benbow
Jr. Advisor

TESTING AND TRAINING

BLUE RIDGE REGION SENIOR TEST

The Blue Ridge Region Senior Test this year went off anything but smooth. On January 16th the Senior First Aid Test at Beech Mountain was interrupted in the middle of the practical portion for some hands on lift evacuation work. Luckily no one was seriously hurt but everyone still had a very exciting day.

The Ski and Toboggan portion was held February 20th at Hawksnest and before everyone could finish their toboggan run, a transformer blew out and neither lift could be used. We ended up having to drive pickup trucks to the top of the mountain in order to finish the test before dark. While we were waiting to find out if the lift would run again a "casual" snowball fight broke out between about 5 or 6 patrollers who were trying to break the tension of the test. Within minutes approximately 200 people were lined up chucking snow balls back and forth mounting an occasional charge and most of all keeping the skiing public entertained and occupied so that they wouldn't get mad about not skiing. To finish up on a good note: 15 out of 18 passed the Senior Test. This was by far the best trained group of candidates I have ever seen take a Senior Test. Good work Patrol Leaders and Training Officers.

Examiners helping me for the Ski and Toboggan Test were Tom Moss, Blake Brown and E. B. Fox with Dale Johnson as Associate Test Judge.

The new Seniors are:

Cindy Benbow	Jeff Ragan
Bill Clarke	Gail Richard
Ben Fox	Bernie Smith
Ed Gergowski	Mike Spencer
Doug Gilstrap	Ann Taylor
Ed Howard	Mark Taylor
Mari Poe	Howard Tilley
	Joel Toates

Steve Benbow
Head Test Judge

TESTING IN THE SOUTHERN DIVISION

Basic

Beech Mountain	Sapphire Valley
Gib Calhoun	James Bradley
Merrill Dickson	Radge Duncan
Riley Hatch	Jim Montieth
Bob Mahoney	Scott Rooth

Cataloochee	SnowShoe
Francis Baker	Carroll Harris
	Kathy Harris
	David Hutchison

Ober Gatlinburg	Wolf Laurel
Dave Bjornstad	Ted Aslund
Charles Coward	Larry Erb
Sam McCamy	Sherry Smedley
Robert Rhinehart	
Tony Sheffhauser	
Richard Stachourak	
Bruce Tackes	

Senior

Cataloochee
Tim Liberty
Terry Williams
Ken Winter

OBER GATLINBURG PATROL NEWS

The month of January was reasonably kind and cooperative with respect to weather this year. We were able to open two new slopes because of the cooler temperatures and some fabulous snow making efforts by Mr. Russell Gifford and crew. Oberchute and Bear Run, with a total length of 4400 ft., are quite challenging. Thirteen Candidates found this to be true on January 23, 1983 as they prepared to take their test. Congratulations are extended to: Dave Bjornstad, Charlie "FLUF" Coward, Sam McCamy, Robert Rhinehart, Richard Stachowiak, Tony Schaffhauser, and Bruce Tackes. Training officers Tony Williams and Rick Ryan deserve a big THANKS! Good job Fellows! I'd also like to thank the test judges, including Charles Benbow who surprised us with a wonderful visit, for all their valuable time and fair scoring.

Our patrol is also very proud of four of our Junior Patrollers who participated in the annual Junior Jamboree: Micah Scott (3rd place), Scott Knoll, Marty Calloway, and David Knoll. Good Luck at the National Jamboree fellows!

Congratulations are also expressed to two very worthy Ober Gatlinburg Patrollers who passed their Senior Test this year. They are: Tony Williams and Ken Winters.

Joy Slagle, PL

SEVEN DEVILS/HAWKSNEST SPAGHETTI DINNER

On Saturday, January 29th, Seven Devils/Hawksnest Ski Patrol hosted our 6th annual fund-raising spaghetti dinner. As always, the dinner was served at our lodge in conjunction with the Junior Jamboree, so we had a great crowd of patrollers and juniors from around the division. The patrol served a delicious homemade dinner to about 140 hungry folks. We raised approximately \$365, which will be used to purchase either first aid supplies or radios for the patrol. Thanks to all of you who helped make the dinner a success, to Ski Hawksnest management for their cooperation, and to all of our hard-working cooks, servers, dishwashers, etc. For those local patrollers who did not attend (and we know who you are!), shame on you; you missed a great dinner and lots of good fellowship. Thanks again and we'll see you next year!

Mark Taylor
Asst. PL

THANKS

I would like to personally thank all those individuals who gave of their patrolling time to help others become more proficient patrollers. Thank you to the management for understanding our training needs and providing us with the hills.

Thank You! ● to the patrol leaders for organizing a training program at your areas.
● to the trainers for the genuine effort and interest you put into your job of helping others learn.
● to the test judges for the miles driven, the long days on the hill, the hard decisions made, and the professionalism exhibited.
● to the candidates for joining our ranks, for learning our systems, for practicing for our tests, and for enduring the pressures of test day.

And a special thanks to Dale Johnson for a heroic training effort.

Tom Moss
T & T Advisor

A WEEKEND IN THE SOUTHERN DIVISION

Who says that the Southern Division can't put on a dandy (A) (M) course! Take a rainy, drizzly Saturday, a mile hike up 1000 verticle feet, ending just after dark and the snow beginning to fall. Add in 9° temperature, 25+ m.p.h. winds and overnight snowfall of almost 3 inches and you have a classic winter weekend.

Libby and Bobby Harbin hosted 27 of us at Cove Lake State Park, North of Knoxville on the 11th and 12th of December. The group was lead by a very knowledgable Ed Gassman and old reliable Lynn Pace, and was assisted by Bobby Harbin, Jim Reed, Milt Triplett and Brian Riel. Most of Saturday was spent studying the basics of mountaineering, such as the ten essentials, equipment, survival, food and nutrition, compass and orienteering and trail etiquette.

The group reached the top of Eagles Bluff just at dark with the temperature dropping fast and snow coming down. By the time tents were pitched (or attempted) and supper was cooked, one case of hypothermia was noted and had to be hiked out. After a long, cold night, with several tents caved in by the snow and zippers to *almost* everything frozen shut, Gassman sounded Reveille to get our sore stiff bones up and at'em. An absolutely beautiful but at times tricky 3½ mile hike down Walden Ridge and out Bruce Gap ended the over-nighter.

The following are several notable quotes from some of the participants for your amusement and perusal:
"Cotton underwear up here is just worthless"

"I sure won't leave my straps and strings out all night to get frozen and useless the next morning."

"Down bags and clothes are useless in this environment."

"I need a correct pack next time out."

"Where did all the condensation on the inside of my tent come from?"

"You've got to have wool!"

"You can't beat gore-tex"

"Next time I'll practice setting up my tent faster."

"Next time I'll set-up this borrowed tent before I leave home and not at the camp site, freezing my buns off, and find it doesn't work!"

"My down bag sucked up all sorts of water and was partially frozen."

"I need some fire starter paste."

"Seeing hypothermia on film and then on a real trip brings it all home to me."

"Believe me, the key is being in shape."

"You'll be just as wet inside as well as outside with regular rain gear."

"I need a lot more little helpers and conveniences in my pack for the next trip."

Many thanks to those who worked on this course. Maybe next trip will be warmer.

Brial Riel



Photo by Glen Brown

SPRING CONVENTION

APRIL 30th

The Convention hotel will be the Holiday Inn at 39th and Ocean Front.

The rates are:

Ocean View:	Ocean Front:
\$40 single	\$45 single
\$44 double	\$49 double

Additional person in room—\$6.00

Room reservations should be made at least 2 weeks in advance. Banquet reservations must be in at least 48 hours prior to the convention date, April 30th. We are planning a banquet for Saturday night, with cash bar from 6 to 7 followed by a buffet and the presentation of awards.

Virginia Beach is situated only 50 miles from Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens. It is located on the World's Largest Harbor. Naval ships are open for visits. Oceana Naval Jet Base is here. The McArthur Memorial is in Norfolk. There are many interesting sight-seeing side trips you may wish to include on your visit.

Free trolley tickets to ride up and down the Beach will be made available as part of your convention packet.

If you wish to make your own reservations, not at the convention hotel, contact the Virginia Beach Tourist Information Center, P.O. Box 200, Virginia Beach, VA 23458. Phone 800-582-8064 (in state) or 800-446-8038 (out of state.)

Hope to see you in April.

Randy Pugh

CLOYD BEASLEY

20 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A SCOUTMASTER

On January 12, 1983, Cloyd Beasley passed the 20 year mark of active service as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 224 sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Those who have been associated with the troop know that it has been 20 years of very intense service. Cloyd spends almost all of his non-working hours on the scouting program and activities which augment the program. Known as "Mr. B." by his scouts, he is a Senior Research Scientist working as a theoretical physicist on the Tokamak Plasma Physics Project at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. In 1973 he was awarded the Silver Beaver for his service to Scouting.

For an outdoor program Cloyd selects a variety of activities which are fun and exciting while developing physical and mental skills. Backpacking, is ideal for learning self-reliance and self-confidence. By the age of 13 most scouts in Troop 224 have become proficient at winter overnight hikes in the snow at high elevations. Caving is a favorite of most boys because wild caves are physically challenging and appeal to the appetite for exploring. Rock climbing represents the pinnacle of excitement. There is nothing as thrilling as scaling a 100 foot cliff with a 200 foot exposure below you.

Cloyd has contributed 20 years of service to the Scouting program where it counts most: working with boys at the troop level. Has he been successful? Ask the parents of the scouts who have graduated from Troop 224. They can tell you how his efforts contributed to the growth of their sons. Better yet, ask the Scouts who graduated from Troop 224. They occasionally pop in on a Monday night meeting to see how the old Troop is doing. There is little doubt that they highly value their years of association with Cloyd Beasley's Scouting Program.

D. A. Gedcke

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CHARLIE'S CHATTER

The Southern Division Season had a good early start, a very poor middle, (as did most of the East Coast), and a very good ending.

One problem that has been of concern to us is the loss of patrollers this year. This is the first time in many years that we have not had a growth figure of about 9% to 10%. It is not just the numbers that we are concerned about, it is the loss of trained patrollers. If we were to look at the trained patrollers as if they were in industry, we would be losing an experienced and valued employee. Even though most of us are volunteers, training patrollers who then leave the system is expensive to all of us. I do not know the answer to this problem, except personal contact with these patrollers. Another loss to the system is our Junior Patrollers who have just turned eighteen, become Basic Patrollers, and then go away from home to college. I feel that our Juniors are our "Leaders of Tomorrow" and we are losing them because there is no classification for these young patrollers while they are away at college.

We had some High and Low Points in our programs this year. Again the Avalanche Patch Course that was to be at Bridger Bowl, Montana, did not get off the ground due to lack of participation from patrollers. The Certified Program failed completely. At this time I do not know the explanation for the failure this year. We had far more success with most of the programs. I do not know how to list them except to name some of those that were the very best.

The Historian/Archivist again came up with an excellent scrapbook for the 1982-83 season. The only reason it was not complete is because all the patrols and officers did not get Patsy Harris or Joy Slagle pictures of their activities. All Patrol Leaders should make every effort to get pictures of their patrol and patrollers to Patsy or Joy. Bobbie Rupp again did her fine job with the Southern Cross and we do appreciate her efforts. The biggest problem we have with the Southern Cross is people not sending articles to Bobbie for publication. It is our newspaper and we all should do more to support the Southern Cross with articles and news from the Division.

Benning Garrison did an outstanding job with Public Relations. The Southern Division Information Brochures for Public Relations were very well accepted by the Ski Areas, and were also used by several patrollers for Fund Raising within the Division. We feel that these brochures can and should be used as a contact for fund raising. Let Mike Harris know of any contacts that you make that will help our fund raising appeal.

Our Junior Program has and still is producing some very good patrollers for the system. The problem is that for some reason we do not have that many Juniors in the division. There are only a few Ski Areas that have Juniors that come to the Division Junior Jamboree. There were only five Ski Areas represented by their Juniors this year at Hawksnest. We were happy to have ten Juniors and Explorer Scouts attend the National Junior Training Seminar at Crested Butte, Colorado. Congratulations are in order to Dale Spencer, Appalachian Ski Mountain, for placing first nationally in the free skiing competition.

This is the Third year that the Explorer Scout Program produced some Juniors and Patrollers. If we can ever get an Explorer manual approved and printed it will help the problem. It does take many long hours of hard work to start with the Explorers and see them through to the Junior or Patroller classification.

To those of you that missed the Spring Convention at Virginia Beach: You lost out on a beautiful weekend at the Beach! Randy Pugh and crew did an outstanding job putting it all together. The disappointing thing is all the work that goes into putting on the Convention and not having many people attend. We only had two out of eight Section Chiefs and only eight out of twenty-four Patrol Leaders attend. It was not a very good showing for the officers.

This season I was able to attend four Refreshers: Carolina Highlands Section, Grandfather Section, Virginia Section and the second half of the West Virginia-Kentucky Section at General Butler. I also was able to ski or just visit with every patrol in the Southern Division. The bad skiing weather that we had at Christmas did not help my schedule and plan to ski with every Patrol, but being able to visit did turn out very well.

This was my first year to have the pleasure of driving the AMC Eagle. I think the Eagle is very worthy of being called the Official Vehicle for the NSPS. We have almost 12,000 miles on the Southern Division AMC Eagle and it has proved to be a very fine vehicle. The Eagle has been up to and above any expectations that I had.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you of the Southern Division for allowing me to serve as your Division Director, and especially for being given the opportunity to serve you for the second term. Again, I plan to visit and ski with each patrol in the Southern Division this coming season. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve you.

Charles T. Benbow, Jr., D.D.

CALENDAR

- Aug. 27 Executive Committee Meeting
Sept. 17 Fall Officers Meeting—Appalachian
Sept. 18 Southern Cross Deadline

REPORT ON SOUTHEASTERN SKI AREA ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING APRIL 30-MAY 1, 1983

While many of you were basking in the sun and enjoying the Tidewater/Virginia Beach area, a couple of us were still at work. If you can call wine and dining with the great people at Ober Gatlinburg work!

Lynn Pace and I were very pleased to represent the NSPS at the meeting. You can be proud of your patrol. Every area manager we spoke with was very pleased with the work done last year, and the rapport NSPS has been building for the areas.

Cal Conniff, National Ski Area Association President, gave a report concerning skiing into the 80's. The summation is a very strong emphasis on safety and awareness.

This coming fall, I'm sure our area managers will want to discuss with each patrol, the implementation and observation of ski safety and the enforcement of the skier's responsibility code.

The rise of critical and paralyzing injuries resulting from reckless skiers has been noted. Control of reckless skiers is a First Aid measure that will become part of our accident prevention.

See you in the fall.

Peter Chamberlin
Blue Ridge RD



The prestigious members of the "Rusty Coat Club." (L to R) Charles Benbow, Harwell Dabbs, Dave Dillard, and Keith Argow. We were fortunate to have all the present and past Southern Division Directors at the 1983 Spring Convention.

Photo by Joy Slagle

SPRING CONVENTION NEWS

Virginia Beach was beautiful, the sun shone brightly, and the wind was brisk enough to call for sweaters while strolling on the boardwalk. Those who braved the Atlantic Ocean reported numbed or frozen feet. After all, it had snowed in the vicinity only a week before. Those of us who were given oceanfront rooms or suites had barely 20 paces to the sand. Glorious!

The news from the convention itself is both good and bad.

The good news is that Charles Benbow was reelected for another two years. Steve Over, the Executive Director of NSPS, who counts the votes, sent word that our division had the best turnout of votes of any division ever. Of that we should be proud.

About the bad news, we should be anything but proud. Wouldn't you have thought that out of 630 patrollers, at least 100 (some being spouses) would come to the annual meeting? Guess again! This lack of support was appalling. And expensive, because the treasury had to foot the bill for 30 unserved but guaranteed dinners . . . at \$20 per plate. Seventy—count 'em, 70—was the total attendance.

Too far to come, you say? The Dixie Region had as many attending as any region, with at least 11 from Tennessee alone, and four from Georgia. Doug Carlberg came from Florida. All of the executive committee was there with the exception of Pete Chamberlin, who was representing Charles at the SESAA Managers' meeting at Ober Gatlinburg; all four division directors—Keith Argow, Dave Dillard, Harwell Dabbs and Charles Benbow—were present. But only two of the eight section chiefs were there, both from Skyline; less than half the patrol leaders showed up; and of the 25 advisors, only 10 came.

Special guest this year was Ed Ziegenfoos, the Southern Region Director of Eastern Division.

Randy Pugh and his committee did a topnotch job hosting the convention, and planning a superb banquet Saturday night, which included steamship round of beef, carved to order; a sauteed seafood combination of shrimp, scallops, oysters and clams; a lot of other goodies, and cheesecake for dessert.

The DD had extras on the dessert, when he gave out three angel pins, along with kisses, to Adit Steinfatt, Carol Pugh and Debbie Chadick.

It's like the postcards sent from the beach always say: "Having a wonderful time. Wish you were here." We did. You should have.

Benning Garrison
Public Relations Advisor



Southern patrollers soaking up sunshine at the spring convention—Virginia Beach, VA.

Photo by Joy Slagle

OUTSTANDING AWARDS 1982-83

Southern Division is justly proud of its award-winning patrol and patrollers for the 1982-83 season, which were announced following the banquet at the Spring Convention.

Outstanding Auxiliary—Mary K. Twomey, Cataloochee

Outstanding Junior Patroller—Gena White, for the second consecutive year, Wintergreen

Outstanding Professional Patroller—Doug Molyneaux, Wintergreen

Outstanding Patroller—Mark Taylor, who also just became our third National Mountaineering Instructor, Ski Hawksnest

Outstanding Patrol—Ober Gatlinburg

Benning Garrison
Public Relations Adv.

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to the two Southern Division patrollers who received National Appointments during the banquet Saturday night at Virginia Beach:

Sam Bruce, #6110, Wintergreen

Joy Slagle, #6120, Ober Gatlinburg PL

Benning Garrison
Public Relations Adv.

SERVICE AWARDS

Service awards were given to Patrol leaders to be presented at Patrol functions later. Only four Patrol leaders requested Service Awards. Mike Chandler at Sky Valley, Steve Benbow at Hawksnest, Joy Slagle, Ober Gatlinburg, and Bob Newton at Cataloochee.

Awards were presented for 235 years of service to the National Ski Patrol.

Bruce McLean	15 years
Ed Gassman	10 years
Ann Gassman	10 years
Robert Knoll	10 years
Debbie Cutler	10 years
Doris Benbow	10 years
Steve Benbow	10 years
Bob Edwards	10 years
Ed Saleen	10 years
Gail Jones	10 years
Don Jones	10 years
Bob Landin	10 years
Bob Twomey	10 years
Jack Hall	15 years

Three Special Patrollers accounted for 60 years.

Eugene Henderson	20 years
Janie Bollinger	20 years
Roger Bollinger	20 years

One very special young lady received her Quarter Century Award.

Benning Garrison	25 years
	Charles T. Benbow, Jr. Awards Adv.

The next issue of Southern Cross will have a "center-fold" of officers and division advisors. Be sure to get your picture in before the deadline (Sept. 18th).

Editor

PATROL NEWS

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FOR OBER GATLINBURG

The Ober Gatlinburg Ski Patrol will begin the 1983-84 ski season with 2-way radio communication as a result of a major fund raising project. Patrollers eagerly sold tickets on a chance to win \$400.00 worth of merchandise from Rolf Lanz Ski Shop. The drawing was held Jan. 30, 1983, with David Oakley being the lucky recipient. The patrol worked extremely hard to raise the funds to purchase the valuable life-saving radio equipment. High honors and a pair of special Tyrolia bindings went to Linda Pace for selling the most tickets.

Our deepest gratitude goes out to everyone who supported our successful project.

Joy Slagle, PL

SNOWSHOE A & M JANUARY 15 & 16, 1983

In the middle of a blizzard, 12 Snowshoe patrollers ventured into the woods of Black Run for an overnight camping trip. We all managed to survive even with temperatures dipping to just below zero and 18" of new snow dumping on us during the night. Sunday morning brought lots of sunshine for a beautiful 7 mile cross country ski trip back to the basin.



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CHARLIE'S CHATTER

We of the Southern Division had another fine Ski Season and a great year for all our Patrollers and Patrols. One area that had been closed for several years re-opened under new management and had a good year. Renegade at Crossville, Tennessee is rebuilding the main lodge at the top of the mountain. There are two new Ski Areas in West Virginia. Silver Creek at Slatyford had numerous problems that we have all seen with the construction of any new ski area. Silver Creek had all of these and a few more. They are now constructing the large main building with its five arms for condo units. Looks like they will be one of the major ski areas next season. Winterplace at Ghent, may be the easiest of all ski areas to get to when roads are not at their best. It is only three-quarters of a mile from the West Virginia Turnpike (I-77) with no mountain roads to drive. They will spend the summer working and refining the area for next season's operations. Winterplace Patrol had a very good year recruiting new patrollers, even though they started in an area with no registered patrollers. My congratulations to everyone at these three ski areas for a fine job. We will be looking forward to good skiing there next season.

My schedule this past fall started with the Executive Committee in Boone, North Carolina the end of August, then the Full Board meeting at Appalachian Ski Mountain in September. I attended refreshers at Louisville, Ky. with the Louisville Metro and the Ski Butler Patrols, The Grandfather Section at Sugar Mountain, the Kentucky/West Virginia Section at Snowshoe (with a heck of a Halloween party that night at the main lodge), then at Ober-Gatlinburg on a Saturday and the next day with Ski Beech in the morning and the afternoon at Mill Ridge for their Lift Evacuation training. The last refresher I attended this year was at Homestead, Virginia where the patrol held it's own refresher. In mid-December I had the pleasure of helping John Lawrence and Steve Benbow with a Lift Evacuation training session at Winterplace for all their newly recruited candidates.

During the Ski Season I had the distinct pleasure of being able to visit and ski every area in the Southern Division except one. I was not able to visit or ski at Cascade because of their late opening and a very early closing. I helped with two Basic Tests and one Senior Test this year. The Ski Mountaineering Patch Course at Mt. Rogers and White Top is always a pleasure to help with and a highlight during the winter. It is nice to get out on the mountain with NO PHONE. In the midst of the season's activities, I attended the National Mid-Winter Board meeting in Denver. I am not sure we of the National Board can justify the cost of this Mid-Winter Meeting.

Another very significant training and testing program I had the opportunity to attend this year was the Certified Patroller Exam held at Snowshoe, West Virginia. After the final portion of this two day exam we doubled our Certified Patrollers in the Southern Division. With three new Certified Patrollers from three different Patrols in the Southern Division, there should be a great deal of help for many of our training programs. Congratulations to David Lilly from Silver Creek; Brandon Dean from Wintergreen; and Steve Benbow from Ski Hawksnest.

It was a pleasure to attend two meetings of the Southeastern Ski Areas Association: one co-hosted by Sky Valley and Scaly Mountain, and the other at Bruce Resort. Attending these members helps to cement the good relations the Southern Division NSPS has with our Ski Areas and their managers. We have a chance at these meetings to talk and discuss any problems they may have before it has any chance to become a major one. One of the main concerns several of the managers have at the present time is the ski safety on the hill and getting the patrollers to enforce all ski safety rules. For lack of a better wording—acting like police patrollers on the hill. It is a joy meeting with the managers trying to understand their problems, and also helping in any way we can. At the present time all ski areas within the Southern Division are affiliated with the National Ski Patrol System, with either volunteer or professional patrollers, and in many cases both.

In all, we of the Southern Division had a good year. Three new Ski Areas can make for a good Season even with not such good weather. We are looking forward to next season with the anticipation that it is going to be great Southern Skiing year!

Charles T. Benbow, Jr. DD

CALENDAR

June 1-4 Step by Step Mantracking Method
Aug. 25 Executive Committee Meeting,
Sherry Perry's house, Sugar Mtn.
Sept. 15 Fall Officer's Meeting, Beech Mountain
Sept. 16 Southern Cross Deadline

POST CONVENTION NOTES

The 1984 Spring Convention was held April 27-29 at the High Country Inn in Boone. Although the turnout of approximately 100 patrollers was a little lower than anticipated, a good time was had by all and we broke even money-wise.

One of this year's highlights was the large number of door prizes which were given away. I was extremely pleased with the response we had and I would like to recognize the following companies and businesses that donated prizes: Alpine Ski Center, Appalachian Ski Mtn. Ski Shop, Farmer's Hardware Ski Shop, Sugar Mtn. Sports, Bonnie Bell, UVEX, LANGE, Saloman, Banner Elk Hardware, General Electric (Doug Carlberg), Norton (Pete Chamberlin), and Dow Corning.

I would also like to thank the following members of the Appalachian Patrol, without whose help I couldn't have done it! Ben Fox, Jerry King, David Wray, and especially Dottie Spencer.

E. B. Fox
Banquet Chairman

GOOD PICTURES NEEDED

The executive board decided at the Spring Convention to make another printing of the PR brochures before this fall. Of the 11,300 delivered by the printer last year, all but 1200 are distributed, so another run of 10,000 will be made this year.

However, we are going to change one of the pictures—the one in the center which shows a girl with a toboggan. She's wearing a white parka. We want one with a NSPS jacket on.

Please search your picture files for just that: a girl; in a rust colored parka; pulling a toboggan. The picture must be in color and of excellent quality.

If you think you have one which might do, please send the picture and negative, or 35mm slide, to either me or Dave Dillard, prior to July 1st. They will be returned.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

FROM THE EDITOR

If you change your address, please notify National Headquarters. We get our labels from them, so you get two changes of address with just one card. Keep National up-to-date and receive all your editions of Southern Cross and National Patroller.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following awards were presented at the Spring Convention:

Outstanding Patrol: Beech Mountain
Outstanding Patroller—Brandon Dean
Outstanding Auxiliary—Meli Rucker
Outstanding Junior—David Knoll
Outstanding Professional—Wesley Benbow
Outstanding Administrator—Sam Bruce

SKY VALLEY—THE WINNER!

The Southern Division Scrapbook Picture Contest is over and Sky Valley is the winning patrol with Cataloochee, Sugar Mtn., Wintergreen, Appalachian, and Ski Hawksnest running close behind. Bill Warner, Patrol Leader at Sky Valley submitted pictures of the entire patrol, award presentations, lift evacuation practice, patrol party and newspaper clippings. The criteria for winning was based on best picture variety, quality and number of pictures involving the most patrollers in various activities. They will now be featured in the front of this year's book for one year. CONGRATULATIONS Sky Valley!

My deepest appreciation to everyone who gave me pictures for the scrapbooks. Thank you for all your assistance. This year's scrapbook will be a success.

Keep those pictures coming! I still have not heard from several patrols and there are plenty of blank pages.

Thanks again.

Joy Slagle, Archivist

JOY SLAGLE AWARDED SKI PATROLLER OF THE YEAR BY OBER GATLINBURG SKI RESORT

Most valuable employee awards were awarded at the Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort end-of-the season party that included a cookout and fun races on snow. Joy Slagle, Ober Gatlinburg Patrol Leader, received patroller of the year award. Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort awarded Joy with a beautiful plaque and a fifty dollar bill. This was a real surprise and honor for Joy. Congratulations for doing a super job!

Linda Pace

SKI PATROL NAME TAGS

As a fund raising project, the Ober Gatlinburg Ski Patrol is once again offering cloth name tags to all patrollers. The tags are blue with yellow lettering and are completely washable. They are \$3.00 each which includes mailing them to you. Please print your name clearly as you want it to appear on your tag. If your name is fairly long (over 15 letters) we advise you to use your first initial and full last name. Get one for all your jackets, vests, wind shirts, first aid belts, day packs, boot bags, etc. Orders may be sent to:

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AVALANCHE TRIP SCORES AGAIN



TOP LEFT: Graduation night at the Rocky Mountain Pasta Co.
BOTTOM LEFT: Probe line practice
BOTTOM RIGHT: Bob Twomey digging snow pit



Like fine wine, the avalanche patch course seems to get better every year. Special events truly outdid themselves at this year's course: a slew of avalanches, and a live burial!

The slides took place on the day we were invited to Big Sky to join the patrol on control. The day before, in a total whiteout, the patrol had surprised themselves with a blind shot into an area high in the bowl. The surprise came when riding up the lift, they saw the slide had run to a depth of 25 feet up under two of the towers.

Our day was bright and sunny (one of the two all week). Because of the instability seen the day before, the patrol decided to blow the whole ridge cornice with hand-placed charges. Again and again, a poof of smoke above the ridge was followed by a boom! Then snow, rolling and billowing off the ridge, slid down into the bowl. The final slide was so big and slid so far, I fully expected the Star Spangled Banner and the American flag to rise in a Fourth of July display.

Two days later came the second special event. Velma McMeekin, NSP #5395 and National Avalanche instructor, who worked hand in hand with our avalanche advisor, Ron Geist, to teach 10 Southern patrollers the course, volunteered to be buried in a mock avalanche. It was an exercise for a dog being trained in avalanche rescue.

The dog, Black Bart, is a 100-pound Labrador Retriever. His owner is Ed Adams, who is working on a Ph.D. at Montana State in Bozeman. Since Ed works in back country snow a lot, he wanted a trained dog as a safety factor.

Ed dug a pit in the snow about three feet deep and long enough to hold Velma. One end he made a little larger for her head and shoulders. Those of us with claustrophobia began breathing heavily as he placed blocks of snow around her shoulders so none would fall around her head: then he shoveled the rest on top until she was completely covered. Although she wore a Skadi and had a two-way radio down there with her, we could feel tenseness in the air. . . up top. To Velma it was all in a day's work.

Earlier Bart, who rode up on the chairlift with Ed, had been tied to a tree in the woods, out of sight and hearing. When Ed was finished, he moved everyone off to the side of the area, to clear any scents but Velma's from the air. The dog is trained to search for the scent of a human body. After about 10 minutes, Ed brought Bart back and when he was ready, he gave Bart the command: "Search!"

The dog leaped out onto the "slide path," bounding through the snow, first over to us, to check us out briefly, then onto the snow we had previously trampled to resemble an avalanche path. Zigzagging back and forth in what seemed a random pattern, but is actually the method taught, he loped up the hill, stopped, spun around, sniffed and began digging. Snow flew as he pawed down into the snow. He was quickly joined by Ron and Bill Warner, who had shovels. In seconds, a gloved hand poked up out of the snow, a hand holding a chewy rag, Bart's treasure and reward for a job well done. The total time Bart took from the Search command until he started digging for her—an unbelievable 45 seconds!

Velma's observations were quite interesting: she said the inside of the pit was light, a milky white; she could hear all that went on above her and felt fresh air. Ed said that's because snow is porous, and things like that pass through. Down, maybe, but not up: when Ed told Velma to yell as loud as she could, had I not been standing right over the pit and listening, I'd not have heard a thing. A tiny sound, like the "mew" of a newborn kitten, was all that was audible.

Witnesses to the stunning events for the 1984 course were Kevin Minnix, Wolf Laurel; Mike Harris, Sugar Mtn.; Linda and Lynn Pace, Joy and Dennis Slagle and Milt Triplett, all of Ober Gatlinburg; Bill Warner, Sky Valley; Bob Twomey, Cataloochee; chief instructor, Ron Geist, and yours truly.

Benning Garrison



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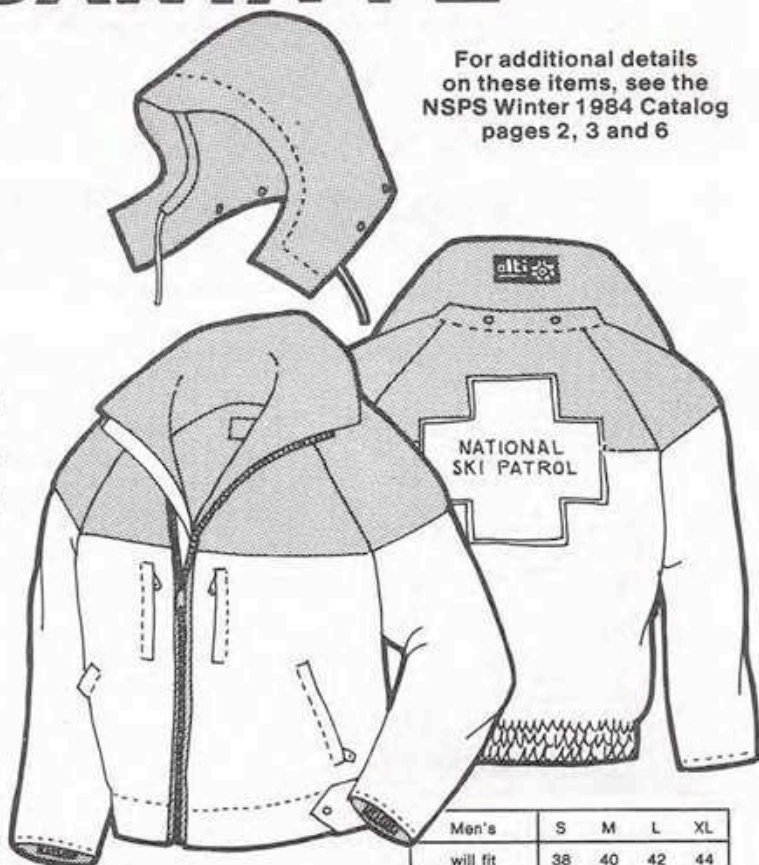
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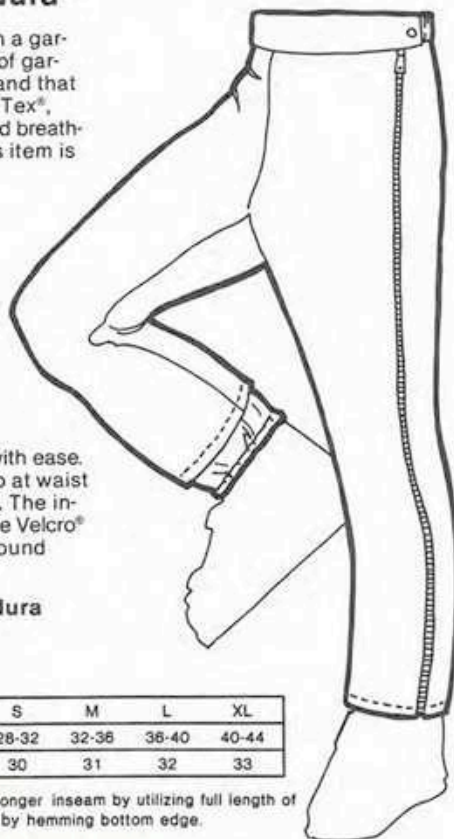
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will fit	8	10	12-14	



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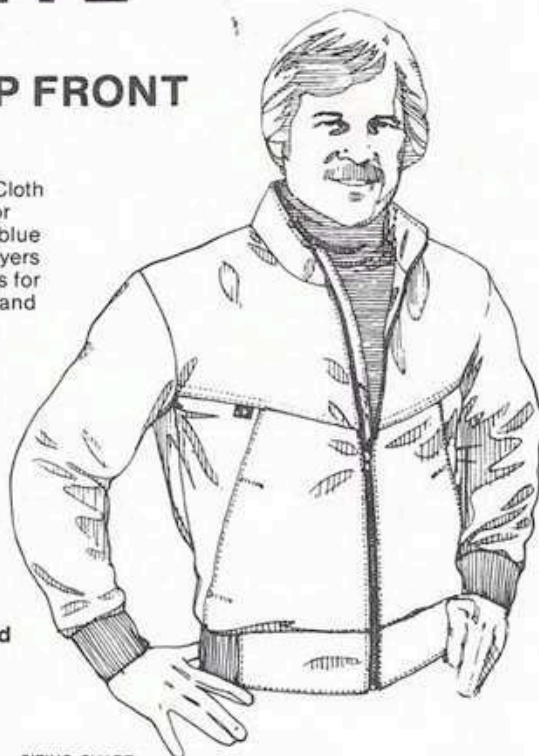
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SIZING CHART

Size	S	M	L	XL
will fit Men's Size	36	38	40	42
will fit Women's Size	8	10	12	



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Dear Friends:

The Southern Division of the National Ski Patrol System (NSPS) is sponsoring the 14th Annual National Junior Training Seminar in March, 1985 at Silver Creek, West Virginia.

The NSPS is a health, educational and youth service organization that offers free ski rescue services to the skiing public. Its primary support is from the annual dues of its members with the assistance of tax-deductible donations from the skiing public and local companies. We are currently having a fund-raising drive to help raise money for the Southern Division sponsored National Junior Training Seminar Program of NSPS and would like to request a donation of \$100 or more from your company.

There are copies of the Executive Summary for the 1985 National Junior Training Seminar that give more information about our organization and the Junior Program if you can use them. We would greatly appreciate your participation in our program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (919) 299-0434.

I sincerely hope that you will consider an investment in our NSPS Junior Program worthwhile. Thank you for considering our request. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. All contributions are tax deductible.

Sincerely,

Steve Benbow, Coordinator
1985 National NSPS Junior Seminar

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CHARLIE'S CHATTER

Welcome to the 1984-85 Ski Season, believe it or not it is upon us now.

There is some unfinished business and recognition from last season. At the Fall Officers Meeting Saturday, it was my pleasure to present to Beech Mountain the Certificate from National as being selected the Outstanding Patrol of the Southern Division for the 1983-84 ski season. David Knoll, Outstanding Junior; Sam Bruce, Outstanding Administrator; and Wesley Benbow, Outstanding Professional were all presented a Silver Merit Star as being selected runner-up for the National Outstanding Awards. My congratulations to all these fine patrollers and to all the patrollers that made these awards possible.

There is a new classification of "Lifetime Member" in the National Ski Patrol System. This is for membership at the *National Level Only*. A one time payment \$400.00 for active membership or \$200.00 for Alumni membership. The Southern Division has not taken any action on this type of dues structure at this time; it will be considered at the Southern Division Mid-Winter Executive Committee Meeting.

Much time was spent Saturday by the Southern Division Board trying to deal with a proposed \$2.00 dues increase that was recommended from the Executive Committee. The Board had a lengthy discussion on what programs would have to be cut to not have a dues increase. As it turned out the primary victim was the Ski Safety Billboards that were eliminated from the safety program. This was one of the Ski Safety programs that had been visible to the skiing public. Even after all of this, a \$1.00 dues increase was voted in to try and maintain our other programs. I personally think that we hurt the skiing public by this more than only saving you as a patroller \$1.00 this year. A Ski Safety program that had been recognized by Area Management and Nationally as a good visible ski safety message to the skiing public had to be eliminated. The Board will have to go through the same difficulty next fall to keep our dues the same.

What other programs will have to be eliminated next year?

You as Patrollers are the only ones that can let your Patrol Director know your feelings.

With our refreshers only a few days off, most of you need to make your own arrangements to have your CPR before you attend the Fall Refresher. Please remember that most of the refreshers do not have time in their schedule to offer the CPR course.

Mike Lamb has made an offer to any Patrol Director that would like to have his assistance on up-grading any skiing skills for their patrollers. This can be on any level of skiing. Mike has been associated with the French-Swiss Ski College, Ski School Director for Sugar Mountain, and is now the representative for Swallow skis for the Southeast. This offer will have to depend on Mike's schedule and time that he can work with your patrollers. Any patrol wanting to take advantage of Mike's offer should contact Mike Lamb as soon as possible. Mike's address and phone number are listed under area managers, The Peaks, a new proposed ski area in northern Georgia for the 1985-86 season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Henry Wilkinson, a Sugar Mountain patroller, for his generous donation to the Southern Division of 3400 cardboard splints. Many of you are using these today and will be using them in the future. I have a generous supply on hand for any patrol that needs cardboard splints this year. Henry, again our thanks for the donation of cardboard splints to the Southern Division.

Another question for all patrollers. How many days did you ski last season, 10, 15, 20, or more? Probably with much time spent on technique and skiing skills. Secondly, that which could be the most important question of this year — How many days did you spend on your First Aid?

To all patrollers, think safety on skis and I hope to be able to visit with each patroller during refreshers or on the hill this season.

Charles T. Benbow, Division Director

CALENDAR

Sept. 22-23	Mountaineering Instructor Seminar, Roan Mtn. TN	Jan. 5	Junior Jamboree Examiners Clinic/Senior Test Judge Clinic, Silver Creek
Oct. 6-7	High Country Nordic Shakedown, Mt. Mitchell, NC	6	Senior Candidate Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
13	Grandfather Section Refresher, Sugar Mtn. NC	12	Basic First Aid Test, Silver Creek
13	Central Division, Louisville Metro Refresher, Louisville, KY	12	Junior Jamboree Examiners Clinic/Senior Test Judge Clinic, Beech Mtn.
13	Asheville Refresher, Asheville, NC	13	Basic On-the-Hill, Silver Creek
14	On-the-Hill Refreshers	13	Senior Candidate Clinic, Beech Mtn.
	•Sugar Mtn.	19	Basic First Aid Renegade
	•Ski Hawksnest	19-20	Circle A & Circle M, Wintergreen, VA
	•Hound Ears	20	Southern Division Junior Jamboree, Ober Gatlinberg
	•Louisville Metro (General Butler)	20	Basic On-the-Hill Renegade
	•Cattalooche	20	Southern Cross Deadline
	•Wolf Laurel	26	Basic Nordic Clinic—High Country Nordic (location TBA)
	•Scaly Mtn.	26	Basic First Aid Test, Wintergreen, VA
	•Sapphire	26	Junior Jamboree Examiners/Senior Test Judge Clinic, Cataloochee
27	Virginia Section Refresher, Charlottesville, VA, U.V.A	26-27	Certified Clinic, Beech Mtn.
27	Carolina Highlands Section Refresher, Beech Mtn., NC	27	Senior Candidates Clinic, Cataloochee
27	WV Section Refresher, Snowshoe, WV	Feb. 1, 2, 3	Mtn. Patch Course, Mt. Rodgers, VA
Oct. 28	On-the-Hill Refreshers	9	Senior First Aid Test, Beech Mtn.
	•Wintergreen	9-10	Nordic Basic Test, High Country Nordic
	•Beech Mtn.	10	Senior On-the-Hill, Beech Mtn.
	•Mill Ridge	10	Basic Test Cascade
	•High Country Nordic	10	Basic Test Sky Valley
	•Appalachian	16	Basic First Aid Test, Winterplace
	•Snowshoe	16	Basic on-the-Hill, Wolf Laurel
	•Silver Creek	16	Senior First Aid Test, Gatlinburg
Nov. 3	Eastern Division, Appalachian Region Refresher, Massanutten VA	17	Basic On-the-Hill, Winterplace
3	Gatlinburg, Renegade Refresher, Oak Ridge TN, Oakridge Museum	17	Senior On-the-Hill, Gatlinburg
4	On-the-Hill Refreshers	23	Senior First Aid, Wintergreen
	•Massanutten	24	Senior On-the-Hill Wintergreen
	•Gatlinburg	Mar. 2	Basic First Aid, Sugar
	•Renegade	2	Basic First Aid, Gatlinburg
10	Atlanta Refresher	3	Basic on-the-Hill, Sugar
11	On-the-Hill	3	Basic On-the-Hill, Gatlinburg
	•Sky Valley	10-14	National Junior Jamboree, Silvercreek, WV
17	Homestead, Winterplace Refresher, Hotsprings, VA	16	Basic First Aid Test, Silvercreek, WV
18	On-the-Hill Refresher	17	Basic On-the-Hill Test, Snowshoe, WV
	•Homestead	22-24	Certified Test, Snowshoe, WV
	•Winterplace	April 27	Spring Convention, Abingdon, VA
Dec. 1-2	Circle A & M, English Mtn., TN	May 1	Southern Cross Deadline
8-9	Circle A & M, Meadows of Dan, VA		
15	Basic First Aid Test, Wolf Laurel		
15	Southern Cross Deadline		
29	Basic First Aid Test, Beech Mtn.		
30	Basic On-the-Hill Test, Beech Mtn.		

SENIOR TESTING

The Southern Division will conduct three Senior tests during the 1984-85 season. The tests will be located in each of the three regions. They will be two-day events with the first aid written and practical conducted on the first day and the "on-the-hill" conducted on the second day. There will also be three pretest clinics conducted in each region in addition to three test judge clinics.

SENIOR TEST CALENDAR

Senior Pretest Clinics

Dixie Region—Jan. 27, Cataloochee
 Blue Ridge Region—Jan. 13, Beech Mtn.
 Sky Line Region—Jan. 6, Snowshoe

Senior Test

Dixie Region—Feb. 16-17, OberGatlinburg
 Blue Ridge Region—Feb. 9-10, Beech Mtn.
 Sky Line Region—Feb. 23-24, Wintergreen

SENIOR TESTING AND TRAINING HILLS

Beech Mountain.....Sky Dive and Tri-South
 Cataloochee.....Upper O-My-Gosh
 Seven Devils.....Upper slope, both sides
 Snowshoe.....Cup Run, Ball Hooter, Widomaker
 Sugar.....Tom Terrific
 Wintergreen.....Cliff Hanger, Wild Turkey, Big Acorn
 Gatlinburg.....Grizzle Bear
 Wolf Laurel.....Flame Out

THE CERTIFIED PATROLLER PROGRAM

The first question usually posed about the program is "Who is it for?" The program was originally designed with the paid professional in mind. The intention was to establish an uncompromising standard of excellence that crossed State and Division boundaries.

As the program expanded throughout the system, the few rugged individuals who considered themselves the "unpaid professionals" also heard the call. The program today still maintains the standards of excellence and has expanded to include those patrollers, both paid and unpaid, who are continually striving to improve and refine their patrolling skills.

The Certification tests an individual's skills in the following areas:

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| 1. Skiing skills | 5. First Aid—Individual Problem |
| 2. First Aid—Written | 6. Lift Evacuation |
| 3. First Aid—Practical | 7. Patrol Leadership Skills |
| 4. CPR | 8. Hill Safety |

During the 1984-85 skiing season, the Southern Division will conduct a Certified Pretest seminar and a Certified test.

Pretest—Jan. 26-27, Beech Mtn.

Certified Test—Mar. 22-24, Snowshoe

If you are a patroller who considers himself/herself a professional in ability and attitude, the Certified Program is for you. Contact your patrol leader for information regarding application to the program.

FALL REPORT

The upcoming ski season promises a great many opportunities for patrollers to participate in the various programs conducted at the patrol, region, division, and national levels. Through these programs, patrollers may test their skills, expand their knowledge, meet other patrollers, share ideas, and participate in the development of new patrollers. Listed below are various opportunities available throughout the year for patrollers. Specific dates for activities are listed in the calendar of events. Any questions about participation in any of these programs should be directed to your patrol leader or me. I cannot emphasize enough how much your participation is needed.

Circle A: Introduction to avalanche safety/1 day/senior requirement.

Circle M: introduction to winter mountaineering, search and rescue/2 days, 1 night/senior requirement.

Lift Evacuation Seminar: Mechanics of lift evacuation, self evacuation/1 day.

Mountaineering: Extended back country, winter survival and rescue/Circle M is a prerequisite/3 days, 2 nights.

Junior Jamboree: Division/competition between outstanding junior patrollers in first aid and on-the-hill skills/highest scores go to national.

Junior Jamboree: National/competition between outstanding junior patrollers for all divisions/first aid and on-the-hill skills/this year's jamboree is scheduled for Silver Creek.

Basic Patroller: A patroller is required to demonstrate first aid and on-the-hill skills to a level necessary for ski patrolling.

Senior Patroller: A patroller is required to demonstrate superior first aid and on-the-hill skills/Circle A, Circle M, and patrol leader recommendations are prerequisites/2 days.

Certified Patroller: A patroller is required to demonstrate the skills and knowledge of patrolling at the professional level/pretest is necessary/2 to 3 days.

Senior Test Judge Clinics: To become a senior test judge/clinic includes how and why to test as well as requiring each candidate to demonstrate skills at an excellent level/1 day.

SENIOR TEST JUDGES — SEPTEMBER

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P.S. Don't forget our 1984-85 clinics. Those seniors interested in testing, contact your patrol leader for more information.

George T. Moss
 A.D.D., T & T

FALL OFFICERS MEETING Beech Mountain—September 1984



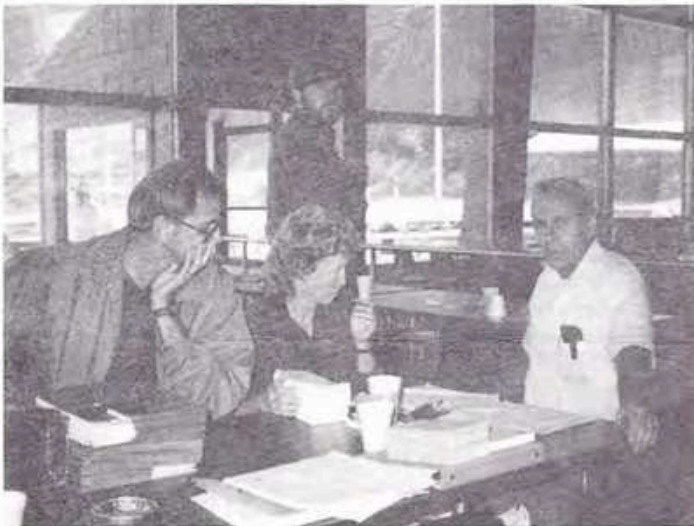
Pete, French, and John relaxing after a long day.



Beech Mtn. ski area in the fall.



French Moore—Jim Underwood hard at work.



Hard at work at the meeting.



Break time at officers meeting.

(photos by Joy Slagle)

SKI MOUNTAINEERING

The 1984-85 Ski Mountaineering season will be getting underway early this year with a Ski Mountaineering Instructor Seminar on September 22-23 at Roan Mountain State Park, Tennessee. The objectives of the Seminar are many, but will concentrate on establishing uniformity throughout the Division regarding course scheduling, fees, content, etc. The results of the Seminar will be distributed to all Division officers and SM instructors for implementation this season, so please refrain from making specific course plans until this information is available.

I would like to encourage all patrollers, especially Nordic, to consider attending a Basic course (Circle M) to gain some insight into winter survival and rescue and to get some useful and practical knowledge to make every outdoor winter experience more enjoyable and safe. As you know, Circle M is also a prerequisite for Senior candidacy. As usual, one Advanced course (Patch or Rocker M) will be held this season on the weekend of Feb. 2-3, but the location has not been decided.

I look forward to a snowy winter and a great Ski Mountaineering season. Please watch the calendar in the Southern Cross for scheduled courses. Think Snow!

Mark Taylor
Ski Mountaineering Advisor

WOLF LAUREL NEWS

Highlights of the 1983-84 ski season at Wolf Laurel included: increased attendance; snowmaking and night skiing expanded to 3 Black-Diamond Runs; a Basic Test and the first Senior Ski Test. As the reputation of the new slopes spread, the percentage of intermediate/advanced skiers increased.

Mike Evans passed the Senior Test and Bob Edsell, Kevin Minnix, and Lance Faber passed the Patroller Test. Bob Feldmann was awarded a plaque for "The Most Patrol Days" and Steve Waldrep was presented a plaque by the patrol for five years service as Patrol Director.

The elections for the 1984-85 season were held during the annual party. Officers for the 1984-85 season are as follows:

Steve Waldrep—Patrol Director
Larry Erb—Asst. Patrol Director
Ted Aslund—Secretary/Treasurer

Melinda Waldrep was appointed Training Officer and Ted Aslund, Asst. Training Officer.

This year the area has added a new 1-mile intermediate trail with snowmaking and lighting for night skiing. Snowmaking capability has again been increased with an additional fixed-base compressor and pump.

Steve Waldrep, P.L.

SOUTHERN DIVISION NATIONAL SKI PATROL SYSTEM 1984-85 SEASON

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NATIONAL JUNIOR TRAINING SEMINAR

We are in the middle of our fund raising program for the 1985 National Junior Training Seminar. We still need donations! If you know of anyone who might be a potential donor, please contact them or let me know so I can get in touch with them. Let's put on a dynamic seminar!

We need as many examiners, both ski & toboggan and first aid, as we can possibly find. If you are interested and can be at Silver Creek the week of March 10-14, 1985 let us know. Those who are interested in first aid examining contact Mary Davis at Silver Creek or Doug Carlburg, VA—WV Regional Director. Anyone who wants to be a ski & toboggan examiner please contact Pete Chamberlin, Blue Ridge Regional Director. We do need as much help as possible in these two areas, but if you are not qualified to examine we can still use help with registration and housing.

With your enthusiasm and support we'll make the Southern Division's National Training Seminar the best ever.

Steve Benbow
Junior Advisor

DIVISION JUNIOR JAMBOREE

ATTENTION: Mark your calendars!

The 1984-85 Southern Division Junior Jamboree will be held at Ober Gatlinburg, Tennessee. It is scheduled for January 16-17. All Juniors, Patrollers, and test judges are encouraged to attend. Contact Lynn Pace or Joy Slagle for lodging information, or make reservations with Travel Lodge in Gatlinburg. (Tell them you are with the ski patrol.) This is your chance to train for the National Junior Jamboree at Silver Creek, WV. Come have a good time and test your skills.

Lynn Pace—615-984-1123
Joy Slagle—615-581-5818

LISTEN TO THE RADIO

Got a favorite radio station? Take them one of our tapes! Tape cassettes of ski safety tips will be ready for distribution in late October. I plan to mail these tapes to patrol leaders, and am asking their help in getting the tapes to radio stations throughout the division. Anyone else who'd like to help get them placed, please let me know. We have plenty! These messages, "brought to you courtesy of the National Ski Patrol System," will be our main contact with the skiing public this year, so let's get to the ears of all skiers with our message.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

SLEEP WELL, AMERICA!

George Washington, Ulysses S. Grant, George S. Patton, and C. Harwell Dabbs — what do they all have in common? Wooden teeth?? Maybe! Toupee?? Could be! Battle of the Bulge?? Probably! Fondness for Hard Liquor? Of course! In addition to all of the above — all of these are generals. Sleep well, America, Harwell is a general, but he has nothing to do with the defense of our country. Thank goodness! Congratulations Brigadier General C. Harwell Dabbs, M.D., M.C.!!

Company A
"Hard Core" Division
Fall Officers Meeting

NSPS PUBLICATIONS COORDINATOR

Fay Hautot is the new NSPS publications coordinator.

Fay says that one of the major problems has been in producing enough Patrol copy and that as we grow this problem will always be with us and in spades. Therefore, she is requesting as many articles and pictures as you are able to generate. If you send color pics, please make them slides and please try to include identifications of people in pics and a note about what the pic is about. She is also encouraging letters to the editor and input in the form of articles and other letters.

Let's make a real effort to tell the national organization what we're doing here in the Southern Division! Send articles and pictures to your editor and she will use what she can in Southern Cross and send it on to the National Patroller. Thanks!

Bobbie Rupp
Editor

NEW BROCHURES

The third printing of our Southern Division Brochures was delivered by Crown Printing Co. of High Point, NC, in time for distribution at the Fall Officers meeting. Thanks to all patrols represented taking their share. Approximately 5000 to 6000 brochures will be at ski areas and other key locations on or before opening day of the 1984-85 ski season. This is wonderful and the best early distribution we've had so far.


We don't want to waste any, so no more will be mailed out unless asked for. If you need more, please ask.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

DIVISION ARCHIVIST NEWS

I would like to thank everyone who shot pictures for the 1983-84 Division scrapbook. It was a big success because of YOUR help. But—don't stop the good work. Now is the time to think about refreshers. It is the best opportunity to arrange a *Patrol Group Picture*. Please take a few minutes and appoint someone with a camera to catch a moment of history. It's a great patrol fund raiser and a beautiful addition to the new 1984-85 scrapbook.

Send pictures to: Joy Slagle
1065 Keith Lane
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CHARLIE'S CHATTER

The National Ski Patrol lost a very fine patroller and friend. Robert Jackson, the National Treasurer, died unexpectedly on October 17, 1984. The Southern Division would like to take this time to express our sympathy to Dotty and Bob's family.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sepp Gmeunder and everyone at Beech Mountain for the gracious hospitality shown to all Division Officers during and after the Fall Officers Meeting. Also, for the hosting of the Carolina Highlands Refresher.

Notice to and for all Juniors of the Southern Division: The Southern Division Junior Training Seminar will be held at Ober-Gatlinburg, January 19 and 20, 1985. The top five (5) Juniors who participate in all events will have their registration paid by the Southern Division to the National Junior Training Seminar March 10-14 at Silver Creek, West Virginia. The Greensboro Swap Shop raised all the money necessary to pay for the registration fee of \$975.00. Money left over will go into the Southern Division treasury. Our congratulations to the patrollers of Hawksnest who did the majority of the planning and manning of the swap shop for the four days with proceeds of over \$1200.00.

December: cold, snow, everyone looking forward to a great season for skiing. Then here comes our mid-winter summer. Almost every temperature record was broken in the southeast, but in the wrong direction. Since almost every resort was closed for skiing during the holidays, I may not have time to visit and ski with each area during this season. If there is anything that I can do to help anyone or any area during the season, please do not hesitate to let me know.

The Southern Division is still in need of patrollers who are willing to give of their talents and time at the National Junior Training Seminar at Silver Creek March 10-14, 1985. This Seminar should be a great experience for all our Juniors and those patrollers who have never had the opportunity to attend a National Junior Seminar.

CALENDAR

Jan. 12	Basic First Aid Test, Silver Creek
12	Junior Jamboree Examiners Clinic/Senior Test Judge Clinic, Beech Mtn.
13	Basic On-the-Hill, Silver Creek
13	Senior Candidate Clinic, Beech Mtn.
19	Basic First Aid Renegade
19-20	Circle A & Circle M, Wintergreen, VA
19-20	Southern Division Junior Jamboree, Ober Gatlinburg
20	Basic On-the-Hill Renegade
20	Southern Cross Deadline
26	Basic Nordic Clinic—High Country Nordic (location TBA)
26	Basic First Aid Test, Wintergreen, VA
26	Junior Jamboree Examiners/Senior Test Judge Clinic, Cataloochee
26-27	Certified Clinic, Beech Mtn.
27	Senior Candidates Clinic, Cataloochee
Feb. 1, 2, 3	Mtn. Patch Course, Mt. Rodgers, VA
9	Senior First Aid Test, Beech Mtn.
9-10	Nordic Basic Test, High Country Nordic
10	Senior On-the-Hill, Beech Mtn.
10	Basic Test Cascade
10	Basic Test Sky Valley
16	Basic First Aid Test, Winterplace
16	Basic on-the-Hill, Wolf Laurel
16	Senior First Aid Test, Gatlinburg
17	Basic On-the-Hill, Winterplace
17	Senior On-the-Hill, Gatlinburg
23	Senior First Aid, Wintergreen
24	Senior On-the-Hill Wintergreen
Mar. 2	Basic First Aid, Sugar
2	Basic First Aid, Gatlinburg
3	Basic on-the-Hill, Sugar
3	Basic On-the-Hill, Gatlinburg
10-14	National Junior Jamboree, Silvercreek, WV
16	Basic First Aid Test, Silvercreek, WV
17	Basic On-the-Hill Test, Snowshoe, WV
22-24	Certified Test, Snowshoe, WV
April 27	Spring Convention, Abingdon, VA
May 1	Southern Cross Deadline

RUN FER THA HILLS!!

Hey Patrollers and Patrol Leaders! Brang yer yungins' over tha Tennessee hills to Ober Gatlinburg fer tha *Southern Division Junior Jamboree*. Mark that there calendar hangin' on the wall fer January 19th and 20th, 1985. Don't waste no time gittin' here. The fun starts at 9:00 a.m. If you and your yungins' need help findin' a roof fer ya' noggins, jest YELL!

Contact: Joy Slagle or Charlie Coward for more information.
615-581-5818 615-689-4948

NATIONAL JUNIOR TRAINING SEMINAR

The 1985 National Junior Training Seminar to be held March 10-14 at Silver Creek is shaping up rather well, but we still need First Aid and Ski & Toboggan examiners. If anyone is interested in helping with the seminar, as an examiner or with administrative duties, please contact Mary Davis at Silver Creek, Pete Chamberlin or me.

We have made the seminar more affordable for the adults planning to attend by lowering the adult registration from \$330 to \$275. This price includes lodging, lift tickets, breakfasts, dinners and the banquet.

There will be three Junior Seminar Examiner Clinics; at Silver Creek on January 5th, Hawksnest on January 12th and at Cataloochee on January 26th. We will be working in conjunction with the Senior Examiners Clinics and will try to be sure that all examiners judge the same way at the seminar. Anyone planning to go to the clinic at Silver Creek should contact me to make sure you have a place to sleep.

The Southern Division Junior Seminar will be on January 19th & 20th at Ober Gatlinburg. Any Juniors planning to attend should contact Joy Slagle, PL about lodging. Remember the top Juniors will have their registration paid at the National Seminar at Silver Creek!

Steve Benbow
Junior Advisor

Listed below are the examiners who have volunteered to help at Silver Creek during the National Junior Seminar. Some have said they can only be there certain days. Please advise what days. (Remember that Wednesday is the KEY day!)

If your name is not on this list, and you are willing to help, please contact me for Ski & Toboggan or Mary Davis (304-572-1225) for First Aid. We will need approximately 40 examiners for each category.

SKI & TOBOGGAN

Roger Bollinger	Doug Molyneaux
Blake Brown	Larry Pease
Richard Chaddick	Jeff Ragan
Dave Dillard	Gail Richards
Jim Eades	Ed Saleem
Tom Fisher	Mike Simmons
E. B. Fox	Allen Simonini
Doug Gilstrap	Ron Smith
Jim Herd	Mark Taylor
Butch McLean	Howard Tilley
	Joe White

FIRST AID

Linda Pace	Joy Slagle
Mari Poe	Bernie Smith
	Dottie Spencer

Pete Chamberlin
Blue Ridge Region Director

ENGLISH MT., TENNESSEE CIRCLE M COURSE

The leaves have fallen, the weather turned cold, and its mountaineering time in Tennessee! A total of 19 participants gathered at Camp Carson near the base of English Mt. at 8:00 a.m. on December 1, 1984 to start the Southern Division's first Circle M of the season.

Milton Triplett, the chief instructor, was assisted by Lynn Pace, Dennis Slagle, Jim Williams, Jim Reed, and Joy Slagle. Five and a half hours were spent in the classroom discussing: food and water, body warmth and clothing, equipment, emergency bivouacs, map and compass and SAR. After the lectures, the trek up the mountain trail began. The ascent took about an hour and 45 minutes to complete and covered about 1200 vertical feet. Dusk had arrived by the time we reached the camp site, so everyone prepared their evening meal and had a good night's sleep before the field exercises on Sunday.

The field exercises began at 8:00 a.m. with a demonstration of rope usage, belaying techniques, and knot tying. Next was the fire building exercise in which all students were instructed to start a fire from equipment carried on their person.

The finale was the SAR. Three groups were given map coordinates to help them locate a hyperthermic victim. Each group found their lost victim, took action to treat them, and prepared an emergency shelter for a nighttime bivouac.

After treating their victims, each group layed out a marker for overhead spotting by a rescue plane. The plane, piloted by Jim Butler and carrying a member of the Ober Gatlinburg Ski Patrol, spotted each group and via radio confirmed the sightings.

The weather during the entire course was clear and pleasant. The highs were around 60, while the low over night was in the mid-30's. It was just cold enough to teach everyone heat maintenance on the hike up and to have proper equipment to be comfortable at night.

ALL learned a great deal, had a terrific time, and all are looking forward to the Rocker M course in February.

Dennis Slagle

Photos by Joy Slagle

Front L-R: Joy Slagle, Milton Triplett, Jim Reed, Warren Blye, Robert Rhinehart, Ian Nesbit, Linda Pace, Phil DesMarais.

Back L-R: Rick Stachowiak, Tony Schaffhauser, Jim Williams, Dave Bjornstad, Bruce Tackes, Randy Stratton, Bob Hickey, Carolyn and Gene Henderson, Lynn Pace, Dennis Slagle.



Lower Left: "Dinner Time! Where's the menu?"

Lower Right: Lynn Pace, packing up.





On Camp Carson Bridge.



Starting out on the trail.

On the trail again . . .



OUTSTANDING AWARDS NOMINATIONS

All outstanding awards nominations are initiated at the patrol or section level and are to go through usual channels shown on the forms.

1. Three copies of all pages must be prepared to be forwarded to your division award advisor.
2. Use additional sheets when referring to specific questions as needed, up to a maximum of five (5) (8½ x 11) pages in addition to the printed form. Your nomination *must* either be *typewritten* or *printed legibly* with a ball point pen.
3. Portfolios, handbooks, or other types of presentations are not acceptable.
4. A glossy photo of the nominee must accompany each personal nomination.
5. All nominations must be received by the division awards advisor on or before March 30, 1985.

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Send to:
Charles T. Benbow
Awards Advisor

SKI MOUNTAINEERING NEWS

The Ski Mountaineering Instructor Seminar in September was well attended and was very productive in establishing Division standards for the course context and processing. These policies and procedures were distributed to all Division Officers, so ask your PL for the information.

- Starting this season, Circle M and Circle A courses will be held separately to ensure that each course is adequately covered.
- The use of alcohol on NSPS-sanctioned Ski Mountaineering courses is strongly discouraged and will be prohibited where local laws or regulations dictate. This policy has a broad base of support among the instructors and will be enforced.
- Attendance at a course will not guarantee the awarding of a patch and card.

Tom Thomas is the Dixie Region Ski Mountaineering Advisor this season. Tom is PL of the Shining Rock Nordic patrol and is also on the Sapphire Valley patrol. I would like to thank Tom for volunteering and I know he will serve the region and their enthusiastic instructors. We are in desperate need of instructor-trainees from Skyline Region. If you're interested, let me know!

I would like to welcome the following recently certified division instructors to the program:

Doug Gilstrap	Milton Triplett
Bobby Harbin	Jim Williams
Doug Molyneaux	Norris Woody
Jim Reed	

I would also like to welcome the following instructor-trainees:
Robin Hinkle Elaine Wittman
Dennis Slagle Lee Wittman

These folks are all welcome additions and enthusiastic ski mountaineers. Congratulations to the entire group!

Please refer to the CALENDAR on page 2 for scheduled Circle M courses. The Patch Course will be held February 1-3 at Mt. Rogers, VA. You must have completed the Circle M course to attend. Have a safe season and come enjoy the winter wilderness with us.

Mark Taylor
Ski Mountaineering Advisor

SPECIAL NOTICE

E. R. "Randy" Pugh has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the office of Southern Division Director. Nominations may be made by any active registered patroller in good standing. Nominations need not be seconded. Any patroller may announce his own candidacy.

Eligibility requirements:

1. Must be a registered member of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc.
 2. A. Must have served one term as a Region Director, or two terms as a Section Chief.
or
B. Must have served at least five years of registered NSPS membership; at least one year of which has been served as a Senior Patroller and is currently registered as such.
- This information must be received by Randy by February 1, 1985. Include all personal data on patrol background.

E. R. Pugh
957 Earl of Essex Arch
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

SKI SWAP NETS \$1200

The 1984 Triad Ski Swap was held November 16-18 at Edelweiss Ski Haus in Greensboro, NC and was a big success. In 3 days, we sold ski equipment and clothing worth over \$7,500 and netted over \$1,200. The proceeds are earmarked for paying the registration fee for the top Juniors from the Southern Division to the 1985 National Junior Training Seminar in March.

We are grateful to the many volunteers who worked at the Swap, including a large contingency from Hawksnest Ski Patrol, to Pepsi-Cola and Nabisco (through Howard Tilley) for the refreshments, and especially to Edelweiss Ski Haus for their hard work, cooperation and support including direct mail and radio publicity. D. D. Charles Benbow was a key figure in the Swap as usual and did a tremendous job both during the Swap and with the massive follow-up bookkeeping effort.

Mark Taylor
Swap Chairman

PATROL NEWS

Hawksnest

Hawksnest is primed and ready to open as soon as nature cooperates, and the Ski Patrol is ready to get to work. We have some new patrol officers this year. Ed Howard and Alan Cassell are the new co-PLs for this season and Bob Edwards is returning as Assistant PL to round out the volunteer officers. We welcome Mari Poe as Pro PL this season. Chuck Surber will remain on the volunteer patrol, so we will have no shortage of experienced leaders. Steve Benbow stepped down from PL this season so that he can concentrate on the 1985 National Junior Training Seminar. We cannot thank Steve enough for the many years of dedicated service and leadership he has given the patrol, and we are proud to retain him as a Certified Patroller.

We have a great-looking group with 1 Certified, 3 Nationals, 10 Seniors, 17 Basics, 1 Junior, 1 Auxiliary and a promising group of 15 candidates including 4 Juniors.


We have already been busy this season with our On-the-Hill Refresher October 14th, the Triad Ski Swap on November 16-18, and a workday at Hawksnest on December 1st. On our workday we did numerous last-minute chores both inside and outside, including painting the patrol room and evaluating hazards on the slopes.

Ski Hawksnest is really going places under the direction of general manager Jon Reynolds. This year we will have increased snowmaking, regraded slopes, a refurbished lodge, and new sled loaders and lift evacuation equipment. These things will make both skiing and patrolling much more enjoyable. Now what we need is some cold weather!

Come ski with us this season. Seniors are welcome to sign on any day, providing the roster is not full. Have a safe winter.

Mark Taylor

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CHARLIE'S CHATTER

When winter finally decided to come South, it tried to make up for what we missed over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. With the new arrival of winter it seems that everyone is very late or has forgotten that we were to have an early February issue of the Southern Cross. The only way that we can have a Southern Cross that will get the proper information at the correct time to everyone is for us to support and use the Southern Cross. Last year we did not print the January issue of the Southern Cross and there were a great number of people upset that we did not. Where are those people NOW? The Southern Division Board may have to take a very long look at what is needed for the Southern Cross if the Patrollers of the Southern Division are not going to support and use the newsletter.

Rick Roberts was the representative from the Southern Division to the National Training Committee meeting that was held in January. After spending the day with Rick and Tom Moss, I think that the new training programs that we will be seeing some of this year and for sure in the 1985-1986 season will help all of us improve our skiing skills. The one area that impressed me the most is the new emphasis that is being aimed toward training. I have seen some of this working already. Ed O'Neal, the PSIA instructor at Ski Hawksnest has been working with several of the new candidates and some patrollers on their skiing skills. Mike Lamb also offered his services this fall to any patrol that needed help with their patrollers to upgrade their skills. If we can get more coordination between PSIA and NSPS everyone can benefit from each others knowledge.

The Southern Division on Junior Training Seminar at Ober-Gatlinburg was, as usual, a great success with all the Juniors having a good time and some fine competition. Joy Slagle and all the patrollers at Ober-Gatlinburg did a great job of hosting the Seminar along with some good new snow and cold weather. There were eleven Juniors that attended the seminar, nine from Ober-Gatlinburg and two from Ski Hawksnest. To those Juniors that were not able to attend the Seminar, you missed a great weekend of fun and fellowship with the other Juniors in the Division.

The National Junior Training Seminar is only two weeks from now. (March 10 through 14, 1985) We would like to have more First Aid and Skiing Examiners so that those of us that have already signed up will not have to work all the time. Having been to the Seminars in the past, they are great fun and I think that I have learned as much or more than the Juniors. The Seminar should be fun for everyone but you will have to attend to find out what you have missed in the past.

Just a reminder to all patrol Directors that we are still trying to get our parkas patch free except for the National Ski Patrol patches so as to have a standard appearance to the skiing public. Our appearance does make a difference, be it in uniform or skiing skills.

CALENDAR

Mar. 2	Basic First Aid, Sugar
2	Basic First Aid, Gatlinburg
3	Basic on-the-Hill, Sugar
3	Basic On-the-Hill, Gatlinburg
10-14	National Junior Jamboree, Silvercreek, WV
16	Basic First Aid Test, Silvercreek, WV
17	Basic On-the-Hill Test, Snowshoe, WV
22-24	Certified Test, Snowshoe, WV
May 3 & 4	Spring Convention, Abingdon, VA
15	Southern Cross Deadline

SO YOU THINK YOU'RE IN SHAPE

Start a running program in June . . . tennis, golf, swimming . . . don't walk anywhere. Physically fit for opening ski season? You bet! Then along comes summer in December. You ease off, put the skis in the closet; it's back to the golf course. Will you wear summer clothes all year?

Wait! Here's winter again, arctic style, thanks to the Alberta Clipper. Out come the skis . . . and the flabby legs . . . and the yuletide pounds. You're off to an easy start at Fairfield Sapphire Valley. Hah!

Just to remind you it is winter and you *should have* kept up that conditioning program, they throw a chair evac at you. Only 8 degrees and wind gusting at 40 mph, when the power goes out. Climb that hill. Ski down, get those hikers off the middle of the trail, climb again. Grab that ladder, tote that rope. Time to get those people down; it's freezing up there.

The ladder empties the chairs on the top half—Jim Bradley conducts that portion. The T and the rope do the lower half—that's William McKee's. "Practice makes perfect," they say, "and we practice a lot." Perfection includes a tower climb in ski boots for William, and go-up-and-get-that-little-guy for Jim. All is complete in about 30 minutes. Rubber legs limp to lunch, aching arms lift the food.

1985 Resolution: start a fitness program in June; one in January too!

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

GOOD LISTENING

Have you heard our radio messages? By January, 43 tape cassettes were mailed to key locations throughout the division for distribution to radio stations. Mostly they were sent to patrol leaders, but other patrollers were asked to help as well. Since these tapes, containing ski safety tips "courtesy of the National Ski Patrol Systems" are public safety announcements, radio stations are very cooperative about using them. Please drop me a card if you hear (or have heard) the messages and on which stations. It helps to know if our efforts pay off. Tapes were distributed in Tennessee, Virginia, Florida, North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, West Virginia, Kentucky and the District of Columbia. (The latter tape went to Eastern's ski safety advisor who was interested in spreading our project through his division!)

Benning Garrison,
PR Advisor

Cumberland Section

The morning after spending a delightful evening with Harwell and Beth Dabbs, we headed toward Renegade. After climbing three-fourths of the way up Renegade Mountain, the steepness and eight inches of new dry powder snow halted the car. I met Dave Bjornstad at that point who also could make it no further. It was shortly after 8 a.m. on Sunday, January 20, when Harwell, behind us in his four-wheel drive, picked us up and took us to the top. At 10 a.m. on that beautiful cold day (8 degrees F), we began the Renegade Basic Test with five candidates. By the time we finished (3 p.m.) the temperature had dropped to around zero. Bridget Schrauns, Tim Ashbury, and Brad Smallen worked hard, passed the test and are to be congratulated and welcomed to the Basic Patroller status. Finding some untracked powder (real powder), we examiners skied until closing time. Upon closing the hill and tending to the needs of a frostbitten lift operator, we toasted to the new basics with champagne that Gary Riser so thoughtfully had on ice. Gary then cranked his four-wheel drive and took Dave and me to our cold cars which would not start—even with jumper cables. My car finally started about halfway down the mountain thanks to Gary, who then went back picked up Dave and battery and headed for Oak Ridge. My son and I drove on snow and ice for four hours arriving home in Huntsville, Alabama dead tired after 10 p.m. My hat is off to Gary and Dave who did a great job in assisting the administration of the test. Dave also spent considerable time training the candidates. Thank you!

John Newton
Cumberland Section Chief

Ski Hawksnest

After waiting out the summer of December 1984, Hawksnest finally opened its slopes on January 6, 1985. That in itself was no little feat in that the snow-making crew began work with bare grass and earth slopes a mere 72 hours prior to opening time. Our increased snow-making capacity this year allowed the crew to pump over one million gallons of water in that 72 hour period and provide a substantial blanket of snow with no bare spots, even after a day's worth of skiing. Since that time, we have continued to lay down the snow and have opened the entire mountain to an enthusiastic response from the skiing public. Lift ticket sales have been curtailed due to crowds on almost every weekend day and on many nights throughout the week.

As was the case with many of the local ski areas, we did not open Sunday, January 20 due to temperatures in the -20's and 70 mile per hour gusts! Across Hwy. 105, Grandfather Mountain recorded a wind-chill factor of -120 degrees Fahrenheit the next day! The excellent snow conditions, refurbished lodge, and friendly attitude of our employees has been enjoyed by both skiing public and the patrol. We tip our hat to Jon Reynolds who is doing a fantastic job with the mountain. The patrol has been operating smoothly this season and we have enjoyed relatively few accidents.

Two Juniors, Carolyn Stowe and Ken Drake, attended the Southern Division Junior Jamboree at Ober Gatlinburg January 19th and 20th. Congratulations to Carolyn Stowe who placed third in the competition! Congratulations also to Ken Drake who passed his Basic Test during the Jamboree—and on his first day of skiing for the season to boot! Five Senior Patrollers including Kim Annas, Cindy Benbow, Mike Simmons, Howard Tilley, and yours truly attended the Senior Test Judge Examiners Clinic at Beech Mountain on January 12th and 13th. With additional training as Associate Judges, we plan to become full-fledged Senior Test Examiners and to serve as judges at the 1985 National Junior Training Seminar at Silver Creek, West Virginia. I would like to congratulate my fellow seniors who have put forth this extra effort and urge other Senior Patrollers in the division to do likewise. This is a unique opportunity that we in the Southern Division have to show the rest of the country that ski patrolling in the south is second to none!

We welcome any Senior Patrollers to come ski at Hawksnest anytime and "Ski the difference"! Promote safety on skis and think snow!

Mark Taylor, PL

SPRING CONVENTION

News Flash! Due to a scheduling conflict, the 1985 Spring Convention location has been changed. The convention will be held May 3 and 4 at the Martha Washington Inn, Abingdon, Virginia. What hasn't changed is that we still have door prizes, music and all the fun historically associated with the Spring Convention. Our objective this year is to provide an affordable package in a central location in the hope that more people will come and discover all the fun they've been missing at past conventions.

Times are as follows:

May 3

Arrival—Social in the Hospitality Suite

7:00 p.m. until—Executive Committee Meeting (East Parlor)

May 4

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon—Full Board Meeting, Everyone (Ball Room)

12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.—Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—Training & Testing—Seminar

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—To be announced

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.—Social—(Cash Bar) East Parlor

7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.—Dinner and Awards Program—Ball Room

9:30 p.m.—Old Fashioned Square Dance with caller (Cash Bar)

May 5

R and R, no sign in time, sleep late—depart.

The Martha Washington Inn is located in Historic Old Abingdon, Virginia, one half mile from Exit 8 on Interstate 81. It has just been completely renovated. All rooms have been modernized with new bath rooms, etc. They have a large lounge (liquor by the drink) with live entertainment and a full service restaurant. Reservations may be made by completing the enclosed form or by calling 703-628-3161. (Tell them you are a member of the National Ski Patrol System). They are holding a block of rooms until April 19, 1985. Room rates are \$42.00 single or \$50.00 double.

Banquet reservations forms should be mailed, with a check, no later than April 26, 1985. Registration will be \$20.00 per person which includes a buffet dinner and entertainment. Brown bagging is not permitted—"State Law." A cash bar will be available during the dance.

The Barter Theatre will be open on Saturday afternoon, May 4, 1985.

All patrollers and their guests are welcome.



National Ski Patrol Spring Convention, May 3, 4, 5, 1985 MARTHA WASHINGTON INN, ABINGDON, VIRGINIA

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Credit Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Type _____ VISA, MC, ETC.

Mail hotel reservations to: Martha Washington Inn, Box 1037, Abingdon, VA 24210
or Call 703-628-3161 (Before April 19, 1985)



BANQUET RESERVATION

Name: _____

Number Persons: _____ At \$20.00—Total: _____ Inclosed: _____

Address: _____

Patrol: _____

Mail banquet reservations to: F. H. Moore, Jr., Box 516, Abingdon, VA 24210
BEFORE APRIL 26, 1985—Make checks payable to Southern Division NSPS



OBER GATLINGBURG HOSTS SOUTHERN DIVISION JUNIOR JAMBOREE

On the coldest weekend of the new year, eleven Junior Patrollers and several Division Test Judges, Patrol Leaders, Advisors, etc. gathered at Ober Gatlinburg, TN, January 19th and 20th for the annual Southern Division Junior Jamboree. The participants and visiting patrollers skied the packed powder slopes until 10:00 a.m. At this time the Juniors retired their skis and met at the lodge to take the written portion of the ski patrol competition. This included a first aid test, history and ski patrol administration quiz. Next, everyone ate lunch or skied some more. The first aid practical situations were set up in the afternoon on the right side of Alpineway. There were four stations ranging from severe internal injuries to fractured femurs.

From approximately 5 p.m. til 7:30 p.m. the Juniors were individually judged on their skiing ability and technique. The judges observed some terrific skiing demonstrated by these fine young talented patrollers.

On Sunday we were greeted by 8-10 inches of fresh snow and minus 6°F temperature. After breakfast and some warm-up skiing, the toboggan portion of the competition concluded the training seminar. After the scores were totaled, the Southern Division had five Outstanding Juniors to represent us at the National Training Seminar at Silvercreek, WV, March 10-14.

The results are as follows:

First Place	David Knoll	Ober Gatlinburg
Second Place	Doug Underwood	Ober Gatlinburg
Third Place	Carolin Stowe	Ski Hawksnest
Fourth Place	Scott Marland	Ober Gatlinburg
Fifth Place	Anthony Schaffhauser	Ober Gatlinburg

The best of luck to all the Junior Patrollers going to the National Junior Seminar and a big thanks to everyone who helped with the Southern Division Jamboree at Ober Gatlinburg!

Joy Slagle, PL



Photos by Joy Slagle

ADVANCED SKI MOUNTAINEERING



The Gang at Mt. Rogers, VA—1985



Emergency shelters taught by Dennis Slagle and Milton Triplett

On February 1-3, 1985, the 10th Annual Advanced Ski Mountaineering (Patch M) Course was held at Mount Rogers, Virginia. Attendance at the course was somewhat less than in the past, presumably due to the inclement weather (rain); however, a total of approximately 35 people were in attendance (quality, not quantity!). The course began Friday morning with classroom sessions which lasted until early evening. Under overcast skies and misty rain, four groups then proceeded from Elk Garden Gap to Deep Gap between White Top Mountain and Mount Rogers where the base camp was established. The trip into the wilderness began on foot, then we were able to don our cross-country skis and snowshoes for the majority of the trek in through wet snow and slush. The temperature hovered near freezing throughout Friday night and Saturday.

On Saturday morning, the instructors directed field sessions in fire building, transportation of the injured, and map and compass skills. On Saturday afternoon, a mock search and rescue exercise was initiated which proceeded very smoothly and resulted in the rescue of two victims and their return to base camp in a mere 2½ hours from the initial report that they were missing. The scenario involved two missing cross-country skiers, a father and daughter (Charles Benbow and Cindy Benbow), who had failed to return to a designated pickup point on Saturday morning. A great deal of innovation was shown by all who participated in both search and rescue and first aid techniques. The exercise was aptly led by Milton Triplett. The weather succeeded in complicating the mission by choking the mountain with dense fog and misty rain. The exercise was considered a success by all who participated and was truly a learning experience for the mountaineers, both students and instructors.

On Sunday morning, additional field exercises were directed by the instructors in the areas of winter travel, ropes and knots, and emergency shelter construction. The temperature dropped to around 16 degrees during Saturday night and light snow was blown by a brisk wind. By Sunday morning, the once soft snow and everything else in camp was frozen solid.

I would like to thank all of those who participated! Charlie Benbow holds the dubious distinction of being the only person who attended all 10 advanced mountaineering courses held in the Southern Division; congratulations, Charlie! We were also honored by the attendance of at least one ski patroller (Gary Knapp) Central Division and several forest service and rescue squad personnel. An enthusiastic group of instructors were on hand, many of whom are new Ski Mountaineering Instructors. That group included: Charlie Benbow, Bobby Harbin, Robin Hinkle, Dennis Slagle, Joy Slagle, Tom Thomas, Milton Triplett, Elaine Wittman, Lee Wittman and Norris Woody. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to this fine group of instructors who came out in such foul weather to share their knowledge with an equally brave group of participants.

Mark Taylor
Ski Mountaineering Adv.



Tom Thomas with Ivanhoe the sled dog



Charlie Benbow demonstrates emergency firebuilding



*Photo by Joy Slagle
(Charlie Benbow hands check to Jim Underwood
for the National Junior Seminar)*

NATIONAL JUNIOR SEMINAR SILVER CREEK, WEST VIRGINIA

After a record setting warm December and a record setting cold January, February is now upon us, which means that the National Junior Training Seminar is only a month away. So far everything seems to be coming along rather smoothly; the registrations are coming in, the fund raising for the seminar has been proceeding well, and Silver Creek is open and ready for us.

I would like to thank the many people who have helped with the fund raising portion of the program. Unfortunately, I cannot list every ski patroller who has helped with the fund raising, but here is a list of people and companies who have donated money to help make the 1985 National Junior Training Seminar a success:

Ingersoll—Rand (Ski Compressors Division)
Westinghouse Electric Corporation
Southeastern Medical—Dental Society
Sapphire Valley Ski Patrol (Jim Monteith)
Appalachian Ski Patrol
Dr. Robert Knoll
Mrs. Blanche S. Benjamin

Mr. Chester Brown
Dr. Rheudolph Wells
Mr. Donald D. Gilstrap, Sr.
Mr. Richard G. Greenwalt
Mr. Paul D. Monroe
Mr. Carter T. Holbrook, Jr.
Mr. John Diemer

Again, thanks to these companies and individuals for supporting the Southern Division NSPS Junior program. With such support, the NSPS can continue to provide the skiing public with free, fast, and proficient winter first aid and rescue; promote skiing safety; and be the foremost non-profit, all volunteer rescue organization in the world.

Steve Benbow
Div. Jr. Advisor

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TO ALL SOUTHERN DIVISION PATROLLERS

This is my first official communication with you since being elected your Division Director in April. I'd like to start by thanking you for your support during the election process. You may be assured that I will do everything I can to live up to your confidence in me. Also, from the outset, I want to emphasize the fact that I need your input. I can't guarantee that we can follow all requests and suggestions, but you can count on getting a fair hearing from me and the Executive Committee.

Included in this edition of the Southern Cross is a roster of the Officers and Advisors and all the Ski Area Managers. We have done our best to assure that all is current and correct. Should you find an error, please contact Susan Jackson and get it corrected.

You will notice some changes in Officers and Advisors this year. Over the past years we have had some outstanding and dedicated people serving in positions of leadership in the Division. I would like to thank all these people for their years of hard work. We also have some other people who have worked diligently and deserve the opportunity to move up to positions of more responsibility and authority. I'm sure you'll find they will perform well in their new leadership positions.

On Saturday, September 7, we held the Fall Officers Meeting at the Four Seasons Inn on Beech Mountain. It was one of the best and most productive meetings I have had the pleasure of attending. We had an outstanding turn-out with more than 70 Officers and Advisors in attendance. Only a few patrols were not represented. I hope those Patrol Directors who were unable to attend this time will make every effort to attend the next Officers Meeting. This will be the 1986 Spring Convention on April 26th in the Boone/Banner Elk area; place to be announced. All patrols and patrollers need to be represented at these meetings. Actually, you don't know what you're missing, it's interesting and fun too!

One other date that I would like to emphasize is the National Convention which our Division will host in Atlanta. The dates are June 26-28, 1986. Those of you who attended the Knoxville Convention will recall how great that was. We should be proud to host this Convention and I hope as many of you as possible will be there. You don't have to be there for the whole show, but make plans to be there for the Saturday meetings and the banquet that evening. Rick Roberts is the Convention Chairman and has already done a fantastic job of planning and making arrangements with the hotel and other places. By the way, later on he will be calling on some of us to join him on a committee to run the Convention. I hope you will all say "yes" wholeheartedly when asked to join in.

Other things of importance that occurred at the Fall Officers Meeting: we were fortunate to have Bill Simonsen, the Assistant National Chairman for Staff, in attendance. He talked about the NSP on the National level and answered a lot of questions from the group. It was announced that the only official parka will be the rust parka with the navy blue yoke. All other parkas must be phased out in the next two years. Also there will be a new blue circle patch to take the place of the current blue patch with the yellow cross worn on the left front of your parka. The new patch is nice and neat looking and will be in the new equipment catalog which will be out shortly. This, too, will be the only official patch and all of the old patches and rockers should be gone in two years. Bill also brought us up to date on the status of the investigation into what we should do about our relationship with the Red Cross. There is a committee appointed by Ron Ricketts, our National Chairman, that is looking into the possibility of beginning our own first aid course. Our own John Chandler, MD is a member of this committee and is keeping us up to date and protecting our interests. As things develop I will keep you informed.

In June several of us were fortunate enough to be able to attend the National Convention in San Francisco. It was a very interesting meeting and we learned a lot about hosting a National Convention. Rick Roberts was there and spent a lot of time with Steve Snyder who was the Far West Division's Convention Coordinator. Steve did an excellent job and was most helpful with us.

During this ski season you will be seeing many of our Division and Regional people. We are all going to try to make as many visits as we can in order that we can be as much help as possible to all the Patrols and Patrol Directors. Please don't hesitate to call on any of us at any time.

I'm looking forward to a great season and to seeing as many of you as I can during the Winter. Keep in touch and be sure to put our Spring Convention and the National Convention dates on YOUR calendar.

Farris Jackson, D.D.

CALENDAR

<p>Sept. 28 Grandfather First Aid Refresher, Sugar Mtn., NC</p> <p>Oct. 6 Massanutten Ski Swap Shop, Alpin Ski Shop, Dalton, VA</p> <p>12 Carolina Highlands First Aid Refresher, Beech Mtn., NC</p> <p>12 Central Virginia First Aid Refresher, U.V.A., Charlottesville, VA</p> <p>13 On-the-Hill Refresher, Wintergreen, VA</p> <p>26 West Virginia First Aid Refresher, Snowshoe, WV</p> <p>27 On-the-Hill Refresher, Silver Creek/Snowshoe, WV</p> <p>Nov. 1-2 Southeastern Ski Show, Cumberland Mall, Atlanta, GA</p> <p>2 Gatlinburg First Aid Refresher, Knoxville, TN</p> <p>2 On-the-Hill Refresher, Massanutten, VA</p> <p>9 Asheville First Aid Refresher, American Red Cross, Asheville, NC</p> <p>10 On-the-Hill Refresher, Scaly Mountain, NC</p> <p>15 Circle A—Skyline Region, Wintergreen, VA</p> <p>16 Atlanta First Aid Refresher, American Red Cross, Atlanta, GA</p> <p>16 Virginia Highlands First Aid Refresher, Winterplace, WV</p> <p>16 Circle M—Skyline Region, Wintergreen, VA</p> <p>17 Circle A/Circle M—Skyline Region, Wintergreen, VA</p> <p>22-24 Triad Ski Swap, Edelweiss Ski Haus, Greensboro, NC</p> <p>23-24 Circle M Course, Brevard, NC</p> <p>Dec. 7 Homestead First Aid Refresher, Hotsprings, VA</p> <p>7-8 Circle M—Cone Lake State Park, TN</p> <p>7 Circle A. Ski Hawksnest, NC</p> <p>7-8 Circle M, Sky Valley, GA</p> <p>14-15 Circle M Course, Blue Ridge Region</p> <p>15 Basic First Aid, Wintergreen, VA</p> <p>29 Basic Test, Sugar Mountain, NC</p> <p>Jan. 4 Southern Cross Deadline</p> <p>4 Mid-winter Executive Meeting, Banner Elk, NC</p> <p>4 Certified Pre-Test Clinic, Beech Mtn., NC</p> <p>11-12 Trainers Clinic—Beech/Sugar Mtn. (PSIA Instructor Team)</p>	<p>18 First Senior T & T Clinic, Blue Ridge, Sugar Mtn., NC</p> <p>18-19 Nordic Test—Roan Mtn., TN</p> <p>19 Blue Ridge Senior Clinic & First Aid Test, Sugar Mtn., NC</p> <p>25 Basic First Aid Test—Snowshoe/Silver Creek, WV</p> <p>25 Dixie Senior T & T Clinic, Wolf Laurel</p> <p>26 Basic Ski Test, Ski Hawksnest, NC</p> <p>26 Basic Ski Test, Snowshoe/Silver Creek, WV</p> <p>26 Dixie Senior Candidate Clinic & First Aid Test, Wolf Laurel</p> <p>Feb. 1 Basic First Aid Test, Wintergreen, VA</p> <p>2 Basic Skiing Test, Wintergreen, VA</p> <p>7-9 Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers, VA</p> <p>8 Southern Cross Deadline</p> <p>8 Skyline T & T Clinic, Massanutten, VA</p> <p>8 Basic Test, Wolf Laurel</p> <p>9 Skyline Senior Clinic & First Aid Test, Massanutten, VA</p> <p>15 Senior First Aid Test, Cataloochee</p> <p>16 Basic Ski Test, Beech Mtn., NC</p> <p>16 Senior Ski Test, Cataloochee, NC</p> <p>22-23 Avalanche Patch Refresher/Avalanche Course Class Work</p> <p>22 Basic First Aid Test, Massanutten, VA</p> <p>22 Senior First Aid Test, Beech Mtn., NC</p> <p>23 Basic Ski Test, Massanutten, VA</p> <p>23 Senior Ski Test, Beech Mtn., NC</p> <p>March 1 Senior First Aid Test, Snowshoe, WV</p> <p>2 Senior Ski Test, Snowshoe, WV</p> <p>2 Basic Ski Test, Appalachian, NC</p> <p>9-15 Advanced Avalanche (Patch)</p> <p>15 Basic First Aid Test, Silver Creek, WV</p> <p>16 Basic Ski Test, Snowshoe, WV</p> <p>21-23 Certified—Snowshoe, WV</p> <p>Mar. 30-</p> <p>April 3 National Junior Training Seminar, Park City, UT</p> <p>26 Spring Convention, Boone, NC</p> <p>May 12 Southern Cross Deadline</p> <p>June 25-</p> <p>29 National Convention, Atlanta, GA</p>
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ASHEVILLE REFRESHER

The CPR refresher is scheduled for Friday night, November 8 from 7:00-10:30 at the American Red Cross, off Merrimon Avenue. There will be an equipment cost of 50¢ per person.

The First Aid refresher is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th from 8:00-5:00 at the American Red Cross. Please be on time and bring your yellow cards. This is the third cycle of the three-part refresher session for updating your Red Cross card.

SOUTHERN DIVISION LOGO



The Southern Division has the distinction of being one of the few, if not the only, division with a logo. Unfortunately the logo itself is not particularly distinctive. I am proposing that we have a division-wide contest to design a new logo with the final selection being by a vote by the general membership. Think about it and share your thoughts with your PL.

Melinda Waldrep
Wolf Laurel Patrol

NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER

INTRODUCING . . .

Mary K. Twomey, Southern Division's newest star. She has been appointed to the National Board as Auxiliary Advisor. Prior to Mary K's appointment, the position was a committee job under T and T and First Aid. Under Mary K. it becomes a full national advisorship.

This gives Southern Division two National Board members: Norris Woody serves as the Explorer Ski Safety Advisor.

For any of you out there not familiar with our number one auxiliary patroller, Mary K. (stands for both Kathryn and her maiden name) came into patrolling at the suggestion of Janie and Roger Bollinger. She was already active with the Red Cross—still is after 38 years—and particularly liked the First Aid part of patrolling. She attended a fall refresher, after which she became a candidate at Cataloochee. That was 1969, and she's been assigned there ever since. She's also visited patrols throughout the division, as a First Aid tester for both Basic and Senior candidates.

Her son, Bob, a senior patroller also at Cataloochee, has made sure that his mother gets plenty of First Aid refreshing: unplanned, but so welcome, their shared knowledge of childbirth was put to test when they delivered the last two of Bob's three children!

In her "spare" time, Mary K. keeps active with Civil Defense, working as part of the Blue Team, on an emergency care team, is chairwoman of nursing of disaster services and highway safety. As she says, "We're at all Red Cross disasters."

Our congratulations go to Mary K. and best wishes for a long and beneficial tenure.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

ALUMNI WANTED

We need your help in finding lost friends. Yes, those people who have been active patrollers at one time and have, for some reason, left us.

We know if we can communicate with them, we have an inexpensive way to rekindle old friendships. For just \$10.00, they can get ski patrolling magazine and Southern Cross, an NSPS Alumni Pin, opportunity to buy from NSPS catalogue, participate in NSPS trips and best of all, come back to patrols as helpers.

Each patrol leader has a stack of Alumni Forms. Every patroller should try to sign up a lost friend; the Division needs them—or send this advisor the current address and we will contact them.

The patrol that signs up the most Alumni will receive a handsome prize and be awarded the Old Spark Plug Award. Thanks.

Dave Dillard
Alumni Advisor

ATTENTION: PHOTOGRAPHY BUFFS

With the new ski season starting soon, I would like to put out an appeal to all patrollers and PLs to take pictures of their fellow patrollers in action. My dream is to some day have a group picture of every Southern Division Patrol in the annual division scrapbook. Please help with this idea and take some extra time to organize your group for a picture. A good time to do this is during your on-the-hill refresher. The patrollers who have viewed the scrapbooks truly enjoy seeing the refresher, training, party and ski action shots that a few people have taken the time to send me.

I'm looking forward to seeing all your shots—old or new!

Joy Slagle
Archivist

NOBLE LEADERS—HELP!

To serve the patrols within the Southern Division efficiently, there is an urgent need for an Assistant Auxiliary Advisor for each Region. I am asking the assistance of PLs, S.C. and R.D. of the Blue Ridge and Skyline Regions for a recommendation of an auxiliary willing to serve in this capacity, providing greater communication within each region and the opportunity to work closer with the patrols. Please send me the recommended auxiliary's name, address and a brief resume of their history in NSPS and other related activities.

Thank you for your support.

Mary K. Twomey
Auxiliary Adv.

SOUTHERN DIVISION AVALANCHE PROGRAM

Any Avalanche patch holder interested in becoming a division avalanche instructor contact me.

Avalanche Patch refresher is scheduled for February 22-23. Location and time to be determined.

An Advanced Avalanche Course (patch) is tentatively scheduled for the week of March 8-15 or March 15-22, 1986. Those interested contact me.

Ron Geist
Avalanche Adv.

ATTENTION:

For the protection of the preservation of the Southern Division History a plea has been submitted by the division historian. If any patroller has in his or her possession material such as old minutes of board meetings prior to 1972 or old magazines (particularly Leafalanche) or any other material pertinent to this project, please contact me. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Dottie Spencer
Div. Historian

MOUNTAINEERING NEWS

The 1985-86 Mountaineering Courses are as follows:

Nov. 16-17, Wintergreen, VA

Contact Doug Molyneaux

H 804-361-1248

O 325-2200 x 805

Nov. 23-24, Brevard, NC

Contact Steve Waldrep

H 704-658-2751

O 225-2344

Dec. 7-8, Cove Lake State Park, TN

Contact Bobby Hardin

615-566-1327

Dec. 7-8, Sky Valley, GA

Contact Mike Chandler

404-498-1531

Dec. 14-15, Blue Ridge Region

Contact Mark Taylor

H 919-668-7667

O 855-7547

All circle M courses will start Saturday morning at 8 am and end Sunday afternoon. Cost will be \$5 per individual.

The Mountaineering Patch Course will be the second weekend in February. The dates are 7-9. The course class work will be at the Washington County Life Saving Crew Building, Park Street, Abingdon, VA. The practical will be at Mt. Rogers. The course will begin at 9 am on Friday and end Sunday afternoon.

For better planning, participation and communication in our Regions, two new Mtn. positions have been set-up for the 1985-86 season.

Congratulations to the following individuals:

Mark Taylor, Mountaineering Advisor, Blue Ridge Region

Robin Hinkle, Assistant Advisor, Blue Ridge Region

Richard Wienberger, Mountaineering Advisor, Dixie Region

Mike Chandler, Assistant Advisor, Dixie Region

Doug Molyneaux, Mountaineer Advisor, Skyline Region

Norris Woody, Assistant Advisor, Skyline Region

I would like to thank these individuals as well as all the Mountaineering instructors ahead of time for their dedication to the Southern Division and the Mountaineering Program. Good people make great things happen.

Tom Thomas
Mountaineering Adv.

NORDIC NEWS

There are three goals established this ski season for the Southern Division Nordic program: (1)Expand the number of Nordic Patrols (there are now three), (2)Improve the Nordic Awards Program and (3)Prepare a Nordic Senior Program. To clarify: the Nordic Senior Requirements include a bivouac (Mt. Rogers with only a 20# day pack) plus advanced skiing skills such as linked telemark turns. Some are confusing this with a separate and totally different skill now being developed by Nordic Skiers: Passing a regular Alpine Basic Test, including toboggan handling, on skinny skis. Happy Nordicing!

Milton Triplett
Nordic Adv.

PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR APPOINTED

Gill Adams of the Beech Mtn. patrol has been appointed in this new advisorship. He has been a professional patrollers for many years and has some great ideas that will help the Professional Program immensely.

Many jobs are available in each Region. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please get in touch with Gill or me for more information.

Areas needing Professional Patrollers are: Wintergreen, Renegade and Ski Hawksnest. There are other areas that will need patrollers, so get in touch.

Sherry Perry Woodie
Professional Director

PATROL NEWS

Scaly Mountain

At the Cabbage Patch, also known as Scaly Mountain, the cabbage harvest is in; the Goldenrod is in bloom and we are anxious for ski season to arrive. Scaly owner/manager, Gene Head, has bought new rental equipment in anticipation of the many groups who ski Scaly.

And the patrol is ready. Officers elected for 1985-86 are: Sylvia Talley, PL; Warren Bly, Asst. PL; Gene Carroll, Treas.; and Chuck Latkoff, Training Officer.

Sylvia Talley, PL

Hound Ears

Hound Ears Ski Patrol is presently recruiting for the 1985-86 season. We are seeking established patrollers and candidates who seek less hectic, more relaxed weekend patrol duties. Consider these options: five-day patrol requirement (no night skiing), excellent meal subsidies, maximum hill capacity of 175 skiers, safety for children and beginning family skiers, telemark and downhill instruction proposed from certified instructors.

If you are interested contact me at the Grandfather refresher or call 704-435-4436.

Steve Brown, PL

Snowshoe

I would like to thank the Southern Division for the warm welcome to the Fall Officers Meeting. There is an open invitation to all N.S.P.S. ski patrollers to come join us this season.

Snowshoe is going back to the basics and there are three priorities to provide a successful season: the first is good skiing, the second is good skiing and the third is good skiing. Come join us.

Neal Rehberg, PL

Sugar Mountain Work Day

While the temperatures soared in the flatlands and the cities, about 35 members of our patrol took respite in Banner Elk for Sugar's annual work day, held on August 10th. The most courageous ones of us decided to brave it and take Chuck Hancock's CPR course for recertification. Anyone who has had the pleasure of knowing Chuck will agree that those 25 people really deserved those little white cards by the middle of the afternoon. Word has it that no one would dare show up at the fall refresher without his current card.

The rest of us, the lazy nine who would do almost anything to avoid taking Chuck's CPR course, decided to do the real work, put seat belts on all the stretchers and paint some newly made items in the patrol room. We had a rather slow beginning. Since it took George Kalnin almost an hour and a half to get the necessary hardware, we thought that he had gone to the body shop instead of the hardware store for the fender washers. Just what is a flat-headed screw? And when he finally did arrive along with a telltale bag of candy and chewing gum, we found Bob Shulman busy at work trying to drill a hole in reverse. But with the ever-steadying hands of John Tolbert and Flynn Harris, we finally got the job done. Are GM or Ford seat belts really the best?

And to all of you who are dying to know the latest in designer decorator fashion, we extend a hearty welcome to our patrol room this season to see the the new color of our oxygen tank and radio cases. About the taste of our fearless leader . . . or is it his eyes?

While all others were busy with odd jobs, Tom Fisher, who has retired the hat of section chief after 5 years, briefed our new boss Butch McLean. After some serious policy discussions and learning that Bill Dacchille, Flynn Harris, and Tom had already done his dirty work, planning the fall refresher, Butch graciously declined a new job offer, dog duty or walking the Fisher's new cocker pup.

After the refreshing day of gourmet lunch, catered from Scotties, good company and camaraderie, catching up on all the latest news of absentees, we all headed down the road, back to the flatlands, the cities, and the sweltering heat.

Some people will do almost anything for a day's credit.

Donna Fisher

Wintergreen in the Spring

On June 21st, Wintergreen Ski Patrol had a summer picnic and organizational meeting at Lake Monican, on Wintergreen Resort Property. Twenty-five members of the patrol and their families attended. In addition to boating, fishing, swimming and good eating, we had a short meeting and discussed programs for the up coming ski season. Three patrollers, Lou Argow, Amy Becker and Jim Whitfield assisted as first-on at the scene of an automobile accident on their way to the picnic.

We all thank Doug Molyneux, Richard Miller and Don Rutledge for organizing the picnic and a special thanks to Uel Gardner, Wintergreen Mountain Manager, who provided some of the refreshments.

It was a great way for a between seasons get together and everyone agreed to make it an annual affair.

Pres Funkhouser
Volunteer PL

Wolf Laurel

The 1984-85 season was short, but exciting.

Snowmaking was completed for the entire length of Wolf's Crossing, the new one mile intermediate trail through the woods. Fun run!

A ski equipment raffle (skis, binding, mounting) funded the purchase of five radios for the patrol. Recognition and thanks goes to Ted Aslund for originating and organizing the raffle, Lenior Hendersen for selling the most raffle tickets and Melinda Waldrep for making canvas chest packs for the radios. Special thanks goes to High Energy Sports for helping us get the equipment to raffle.

Congratulations to our new Basic Patrollers—Tom Bingham, Adam Burnett, Phil Critcher, Jay Curwen, Robert Francey, Jamey Piercy and Carolyn Kewell. We had seven of seven candidates pass! The judges were complementary of both the quality of the candidate's skill and the efficiency with which the test was set up and run. Many thanks to our training officer Melinda Waldrep and assistant training officer Ted Aslund.

Congratulations to our new auxiliary—Rick Woodlee. Rick is a FCC technician and will be assisting Farris Jackson with telecommunications for the 1985-86 season. Our expectations are high for another great season.

Think snow!

Steve Waldrep, PL

PRO-FORM FLEX SESSION AND WINE & CHEESE PARTY

On Saturday, September 28, there will be pro-form flex session and wine & cheese party at both Alpine Ski Center and Ski Country Sports in Banner Elk.

Once again both retailers are opening their doors to the National Ski Patrol Members to allow us to take advantage of the substantial savings that many manufacturers offer to pro's.

Bill Lenoard of Ski Country and Bob Quinlan of Alpine have arranged to have pro products in shop, so there will be no waiting for manufacturer delivery. Between the two shops, every major brand will be represented. In addition, clothing and accessory discounts and pre-season tune-up specials will make this a special weekend for NSPS members. Ski Country is even offering a trade in allowance on used equipment! So be sure to bring everything along with you.

This is also the weekend of Sugar's Fall Refresher, so please make an effort to stop in at both shops. Get your new equipment early, or have those old boards put in tip-top shape.

Remember—we'll be skiing before you know it!

Bill Dacchille
Sugar Mountain Ski Patrol
Sales Rep—NORDICA, LOOK, K2

OUTSTANDING NATIONAL EXPLORER



Norris Woody presents trophy to Carolin Stowe.

Explorer Ski Safety has been a cooperative program between the National Ski Patrol (R) System Incorporated and the Explorer Division of Boy Scouts of America since its introduction in 1977, by Harry G. Pollard, Past National Director.

Since the development of the Explorer Ski Safety Program eight years ago, there are now over 8,200 young men and women throughout the nation currently registered in the Explorer Ski Safety Program and similar cross-country explorer programs.

This year the National Ski Patrol has given an award for the Outstanding National Explorer in Explorer Ski Safety for the first time. The National Junior Committee, made up of each division Junior Advisor, chose one person they felt best exemplified this title. In March, at the National Junior Training Seminar at Silver Creek, Carolin Stowe of Greensboro, a member of the Seventh Division, was selected to receive this award. Her achievements in the Explorer Ski Safety Program are very commendable.

She joined the Explorer Ski Safety Program in the fall of 1981, completing her first aid and C.P.R. in 1982. As an explorer she attended the 1983 Division Junior Training Seminar and the National Junior Training Seminar. In the fall of 1983 she joined the Ski Hawksnest Ski Patrol as a Junior Candidate. At the end of the 1983-84 season, she took and passed her Junior Basic test. As an explorer and a Junior Ski Patroller in 1984, she attended the Division Junior Training Seminar and the National Junior Training Seminar. She has served as the Explorer Ski Safety Post President for the past two years. Carolin traveled three and a half hours round trip to Boone just to patrol over forty days in the 1984-85 season. She placed third in the 1985 Division Training Seminar. With the enthusiasm and determination this young lady has, it is easy to see why Carolin was chosen the 1985 Outstanding National Explorer in Explorer Ski Safety.

Norris Woody
National Explorer Ski Safety Adv.

FALL OFFICERS MEETING

This year's Fall Officers Meeting, held at the Four Seasons at Beech, was one of the best—attendance was up, participation was up, and everyone had a good time. Except for the heat! The meeting room was hot, hot, hot. Yes, it was air-conditioned, but when that was turned on, no one could hear what was being said, so we chose to be hot.

We had a guest: Bill Simonsen, Assistant National Chairman—Staff was present for formal sessions during the meeting and informal ones in the hallway, at supper, etc. His host was French Moore, who also was host to an undetermined number of patrollers—Susan Jackson brought Sunday breakfast to serve 20. The Sunday crowd was there for a mountaineering meeting called by Advisor Tom Thomas. Saturday, following the meeting, Ron Geist, avalanche advisor, had a meeting of his instructors. It was that sort of a weekend: diversified and busy. Massanutten was welcomed into the division, Jack Shields, PL.

During the big meeting, special awards presented included the gold merit star for the National Outstanding Administrative Patroller, Charles Benbow, Jr.; silver merit stars to two runners-up in the National awards: Lynn Pace, Nordic Patroller, and David Knoll, Junior. Ski Hawksnest was recognized at the division's outstanding patrol, Bobbie Rupp received a certificate for 20 years service.

Pete Chamberlin proposed that advisors set up booths at both the fall meeting and the spring convention, so that everyone could learn exactly what was going on in the advisorship. The proposal was defeated, as was one by Bill Hanner that certain advisorships be made self-supporting. Much discussion preceded both votes.

Bill Simonsen told those of us who are wearing (ahem) old-fashioned parkas—i.e. solid rust—to be prepared: the official parka now is rust with the navy yoke, and in two years, the solid rust will be passe. (Anybody have a large magic marker?) Also on the way out, it seems, are patches on the parka. However, on wearing the patches as well as the parkas, ski area management will have the final say so.

Shortly after 4:30, Mr. Vivacious, Brandon Deane, Training Advisor (replacing Tom Moss, who's moved to Memphis), woke everybody up with his enthusiastic plans for training. He and Blake Brown, Testing Advisor, will work hand in hand to get better trainers and more unified testing throughout the division.

In spite of much excess wordage which infiltrated the planned timing, the meeting adjourned precisely on time at 5 p.m.

About 30 people had dinner in the Fireside room of the lodge, so it was not all meet, meet, meet, but fun times besides.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

Blue Ridge

The season will probably have opening day before our promise to get in shape has been fulfilled. Your minds and skills will, however be ready. *Refresher time.*

Sept. 28-29—Grandfather Section at Sugar Mtn.; Clyde "Butch" McLean, Section Chief

October 12-13—Carolina Highlands at Beech Mtn.; Doug Gilstrap, Section Chief

November 16-17—Virginia Highlands (formerly Southern VA) at Wintergreen; Bernie Smith, Section Chief

We've had a few changes in our Region this year as you can see from the refresher schedule. Welcome to all of you at Winter Place. Everybody got to be some place—and we're glad you're here.

Next year we should be growing again as Diamond Ridge continues to build toward 1986.

I want to thank all the patrollers in the Region for an excellent 84-85. We ran like a well oiled machine. Let's keep the skiers and managers happy. Keep using the great personality you have when dealing with the multitude of attitudes we see on our slopes.

See you on the slopes. Again thanks for such a good year of work.
Pete Chamberlin, R.D.

FIRST AID FOR THE PARTS

As new techniques are developed in medicine, new options become available to patients. First aid can make a difference in the treatment options, and in this respect, should be updated as new medical techniques are developed. Replantation is such a new medical technique. It is available now in all major medical centers in this country. The ability of the replant team to replace amputated parts is dependent on the correct care, or first aid, of the parts.

The first aider should be aware of general guidelines for replantation. All parts that can be found should be sent with the injured person. Good possibilities for replantation include the following amputations:

1. Thumb
2. Multiple digits
3. Amputation through the palm
4. Child-any part
5. Wrist or forearm
6. Above the elbow if sharp or moderately ragged
7. Individual fingers distal to the middle joint

In general, the more distal the amputation, the more time is allowed before permanent tissue damage occurs. Muscle usually is irreversibly damaged if not revascularized in four to six hours. Cooling the part prolongs the time until permanent damage occurs.

When a first aider encounters a good candidate for replantation, success is largely dependent upon proper and expedient preparation of the injured person and his or her part or parts.

First of all, the patroller should be able to identify injuries which amputate or devascularize a part. The patroller should also know how to contact the regional replant team, and how to institute transport. Prior arrangements should be made with local emergency rooms or medical clinics to expedite transfer procedures.

The first aid for the part or parts is simple. Initially, the stump should be covered with a clean dressing and bandage. No clamps are used. Bleeding is controlled with elevation and pressure. The part is then wrapped in a sterile dressing. The dressing is moistened with normal saline solution, available in the patrol room, and then placed in a plastic bag. This bag is then placed in a second bag with ice and water. It is extremely important to know that the part must be cooled, but not frozen. The injured person and the part are then transported together.

To summarize: First aid procedures must be kept concurrent with medical advances. Amputation or devascularization injuries occur in winter settings and basic knowledge of pertinent first aid for replantation is necessary. Prior arrangements with transport and regional replant teams is imperative. The first aid is simple, and requires no special equipment beyond the basic supplies of the patrol room.

John M. Chandler, M.D.
Division Medical Advisor

DO WE TEACH OURSELVES TO DIAGNOSE?

Every patroller knows that he does not diagnose in the patrol room or on the hill. A ski patroller is expected to be able to recognize possible injury, perform proper first aid, and transport the injured person safely off the hill. Yet, several times a season I hear of instances in which patrollers diagnose specific injuries or illnesses. This is wrong. I would like to think that every patroller has maintained his first aid skills to the degree that he can, in his own mind, diagnose the injury or at least list a few likely possibilities. To share these thoughts with the injured person, however, can lead to embarrassing consequences at the least, and grave legal problems at the most. We are frequently asked to diagnose by the injured party, his friends, or his family. You should always be courteous, but should advise him that you suspect injury to the area, and you have performed appropriate first aid, but the exact diagnose can be made only after examination in the clinic, the emergency room, or by his family physician. If you are sure in your mind of a fracture, tell him you suspect a fracture, but never diagnose a fracture. I know this subject seems to be nit picking, but in the 1980's this can involve you in a court case.

Why do ski patrollers make a diagnosis when asked? I think it is because they have been taught to! Think back to the last time you taught a first aid course, trained candidates, or ran a first aid station at the refresher. In training situations, the examiner is frequently the injured person. The candidate wants to be sure you know that he knows what he is doing, so he talks the entire time he is performing first aid. He tells you what your injury is and how he is going to treat it. The examiner gives positive reinforcement by nodding when he identifies the injury correctly. So, subconsciously we have taught ourselves to diagnose as we perform first aid. How many times have you said, "You ran that first aid station very well, you correctly identified and treated the injury."

With this in mind, at this year's refresher, and during candidate or junior training, remember to teach that the verbal response during training is in your head in the real accident setting. Next time you hear a patroller "make a diagnosis," correct him in a quiet corner; you may have been the one who taught him to do it.

John M. Chandler, M.D.
Division Medical Advisor

SOUTHEASTERN SKI SHOW

Join us for the Southeastern Ski Show at Cumberland Mall in Atlanta on November 1-3. We need patrollers to work in our swap-shop. Many of you may not know that the Atlanta Ski Club donates a good portion of the swap shop profits to Southern Division. If you plan to attend the Ski Show and can help us out, contact the Atlanta Ski Club office (404-892-1286) or Becky Buxton (404-874-2012).

Sylvia Talley
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IN MEMORIUM

September 18, 1985

Stephen Newall was a dedicated patroller and former training officer of the Scaly Mtn. Ski Patrol. He was the son of Peggy Newall, Atlanta, GA and Jack Newall (Eastern Division) of New York. Stephen participated as a Junior Patroller in the National Junior Seminar and was most interested in that program. His family established the Stephen D. Newall Memorial Fund as a lasting tribute. The proceeds of this fund will be used each year to send a Junior Patroller from the Southern Division to the National Junior Training Seminar.

Please send contributions to:

NSPS Stephen D. Newall Memorial Fund
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TRIAD SKI SWAP

The annual fund-raising Triad Ski Swap and Sale will be held November 22-24 at Edelweiss Ski House in Greensboro, NC. Skiers throughout the Piedmont Triad (Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point) and nearby communities will be solicited to bring their used ski equipment and clothing to sell to other skiers from the general public. A small check-in fee for non-NSPS contributors will be charged and a sales commission of 15 percent will be contributed to the Southern Division Junior Program. Please help by doing the following things:

- Promote the Triad Ski Swap to skiers and particularly ski clubs in or near North Carolina;
- Send us in advance (or bring) your old *usable* ski equipment and clothing for sale along with your requested price (remember that 15% of the sales price will go to the Southern Division but that you (NSPS member) will not be charged a check-in fee);
- *Come help staff the Ski Swap*, even if only for a few hours! We are in desperate need of volunteers for this event since Charles Benbow and family (formerly *key* participants) will be busy moving their furniture company and their residences to new locations! You may also discover some excellent buys while you're there!

Please contact me as soon as possible if you think you can help so that I can plan properly and inform you of particular schedule details, procedures, etc. This has been a fun, productive, and rewarding venture in years past and should be even better this year.

Thanks in advance for your support,

Mark Taylor, Swap Coordinator
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WORK CONTINUES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW N.S.P. FIRST AID PROGRAM

At the recent Annual Meeting of the National Ski Patrol in San Francisco, the National Board of Directors unanimously confirmed the efforts of the ad hoc committee for the development of a First Aid Program designed for Ski Patrollers. Committee co-chairman Warren Bowman, M.D., National Medical Advisor, reported to the Board that the committee has developed a statement of purpose and goals for the program and has written preliminary objectives utilizing the existing objectives found in the *Ski Patroller's Manual*. Bowman reported that the new course will focus specifically on the knowledge and skills needed by Ski Patrollers, emphasizing emergency care in the winter environment. The existing content of the N.S.P. Winter First Aid Manual and much of the A.R.C. Advanced First Aid course will be used to obtain the expertise a Patroller needs. Bowman also reported that contact with other organizations involved with back-country First Aid indicates a great need for a training course that fills the gap between the traditional ARC Courses and the EMT programs around the country, and that the proposed N.S.P. course would do much to satisfy this need.

The American National Red Cross had four National Managers in attendance at the San Francisco National Board Meeting who expressed considerable interest in the direction the N.S.P. is going and in participating with us in the development of this new First Aid Training Program. The ARC representatives conferred with the First Aid Program Development Committee frequently during their stay. Topics discussed included the content of the new program, instructor development and certification, the needs of both organizations, and an exploration of the ways both organizations could continue to cooperate in offering First Aid Training. The central issues in developing such a cooperative program include:

- 1) The inclusion of knowledge and skills into such a new program that the ARC does not now offer.
- 2) N.S.P. influence and control over the requirements and content of such a course and its associated refreshers.
- 3) Concurrent N.S.P./ARC authorization of Instructors.
- 4) Flexibility to react to changes needed in the course content in the future.

Bill Simonsen, Assistant National Chairman, reported to the Board of Directors that negotiations with the Red Cross are continuing and it is likely that an agreement for a combined effort can be reached, but that the First Aid Development Committee will continue its work to write a program designed to meet the needs of the National Ski Patrol and its members.

Irrespective of the outcome of the N.S.P./ARC negotiations, Ski Patrols are advised to continue with traditional ARC First Aid or EMT courses and the required refresher programs. National Ski Patrol requirements for an ARC Advanced First Aid care or EMT certification will remain in force until such time as new requirements are accepted by the National Board of Directors. The 1986 N.S.P. First Aid refresher requirements have been distributed to all First Aid Advisors, and are found in the current issue of the Ski Patrol magazine.



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FROM THE D.D.

Happy New year to everyone in the Southern Division! As all of you know the season has started off well for nearly all of our areas. Let's hope the balance of the season goes as well.

In December, we lost two wonderful people. Rick Roberts' wife, Joyce, passed away December 22. She will be badly missed by all who knew her. On December 25th, Bill "Pick" Pickelsimer, a patroller for 19 years at Beech Mountain, died. Please keep the families of these two fine people in your hearts and prayers.

During the Christmas period, I have been visiting ski areas and was pleased to see how well things are going. Without exception, the patrols were well organized, the patrol rooms were neat, clean and well stocked with first aid supplies. Area management too was complimentary about our people and how well things have started off this year. I plan to visit as many areas as possible this season and look forward to seeing and visiting with as many of you as possible. Please come up and introduce yourself so I can get to know you. While I'm there, I would appreciate your comments as to how you feel about the National Ski Patrol System and the Southern Division in particular. What are we doing right? What not so good? Let me have your suggestions. I will be going to the National Midwinter Directors Meeting in Denver on the 6th of February, so I need your input. Such things as the prospect of having our own first aid course will come up; what do you think we should do?

I know most of you have heard something about the new National Training Program. The program is an attempt to make all of us better skiers. I want to emphasize the fact that this is only a training program. There is no passing or failing. The instructors are there to help. It is not a test, even though the Star Program does have levels of proficiency. I would hope that all would like to achieve the highest level, but for some of us that is not possible. If I can raise my skiing level, it will certainly be worth it to me. Please join in the spirit of the program. We'll all be better off for it.

The Division Junior Training Seminar will be held at Winterplace, WV on the weekend of February 1st and 2nd. Everyone who can help, please contact Steve Benbow. Winterplace is a great ski area. Why not give it a try?

Some areas are in need of basic patrollers and others need professionals. If you know anyone who might be interested, please contact Gil Adams for the professionals and the appropriate Regional Director or Section Chief for the basic patrollers. We are going to need more good people in the next few years with new areas opening. Keep this in mind and let us know about people who might be interested.

Please join me in welcoming Massanutten Village to the Southern Division. We are fortunate to have these fine people in our Division. Some of you met the Volunteer Patrol Leader, Jack Shields, at the Fall Officers Meeting. Dan Buono is the Professional Patrol Leader and Steve Showalter is the Mountain Manager.

Several years ago, the Executive Committee made an appropriate suggestion as we were in poor shape financially. It was decided to send only one copy of the Southern Cross to each family, regardless of the number of patrollers in the family. It worked well and saved money when we were hard pressed. Now, with all our forms, rosters and schedules in the newsletter, we feel it is appropriate that each patroller gets his/her own copy. Beginning with this issue, we are going to try this. I hope you agree.

People have asked where they could get the metal signs saying "This Patrol is registered with the Southern Division." The National Office says they are not available at this time, but will be in the 1986-87 Supply Catalog. Be sure to order them prior to next season.

Charlie Benbow is working on a new supply of cardboard splints for us. If you need some of these, please drop Charlie a note saying how many you need.

The Hawksnest Patrol has graciously volunteered to host the Spring Convention in Boone. The meeting will be April 26th at the Center for Continuing Education. We had a wonderful turnout at the Fall Officers Meeting. Let's do better at the Convention. It's a lot of fun.

Finally, a highlight of this year will be the National Convention in Atlanta. The dates are June 26-28. Put them on your calendar right now. Those of you that came to Knoxville when we hosted our last one, will remember how interesting and how much fun it was. The banquet is on Saturday night, the 28th—please come. Rick Roberts is coordinating the Convention, and already has done a great job. He is going to need a lot of help later on. Any of you, especially those in and around Atlanta, who can help, contact Rick as soon as possible.

The outlook is excellent for this year. We have a good rapport with our area managers and need to continue this. Remember our new cooperative effort with NSAA and SSAA concerning the "Be Aware—Ski With Care" safety program. Promote it every chance you get.

All the best to you and your families—and GOOD SKIING!

Farris Jackson
Division Director

CALENDAR

- Feb. 1 Basic First Aid Test, Wintergreen, VA
 1-2 Junior Training Seminar, Winterplace, WV
 2 Basic Skiing Test, Wintergreen, VA
 7-9 Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rogers, VA
 8 Skyline T & T Clinic, Massanutten, VA
 8 Basic Test, Wolf Laurel
 9 Skyline Senior Clinic & First Aid Test, Massanutten, VA
 15 Southern Cross Deadline
 15 Senior First Aid Test, Cataloochee
 16 Basic Ski Test, Beech Mtn., NC
 16 Senior Ski Test, Cataloochee, NC
 22 Avalanche Patch Refresher/Avalanche Course Class Work, Beech Mtn.
 22 Basic First Aid Test, Massanutten, VA
 22 Senior First Aid Test, Beech Mtn., NC
 23 Basic Ski Test, Massanutten, VA
 23 Senior Ski Test, Beech Mtn., NC
- March 1 Senior First Aid Test, Snowshoe, WV
 2 Senior Ski Test, Snowshoe, WV
 2 Basic Ski Test, Appalachian, NC
 15-22 Advance Avalanche (Patch), CO
 15 Basic First Aid Test, Silver Creek, WV
 16 Basic Ski Test, Snowshoe, WV
 21-23 Certified—Snowshoe, WV
- Mar. 30-
 April 3 National Junior Training Seminar, Park City, UT
 26 Spring Convention, Boone, NC
- May 12 Southern Cross Deadline
- June 25-
 29 National Convention, Atlanta, GA

IN MEMORIAM

Joyce Roberts
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 December 23, 1985

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Farris Jackson
 Communications Adv.

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NATIONAL SKI TRAINING PROGRAM

Recognizing the unique demands on patrollers' skiing in that they must not only be able to ski all kinds of conditions while presenting a positive image to the public but must also possess the skills necessary for competent toboggan handling and other ski related duties, programs have been developed to meet the varying ski training needs of patrollers. It is the intent of the National Training Committee that the material in these ski training programs be presented in a "non-technical" manner, thus allowing the activities to be participated in under the supervision of a training officer or worked on independently by patrollers. They are designed to utilize and build upon the technical ability that patrollers already possess. It is most important that all patrollers understand that this program has been developed to positively assist them in their individual skills development efforts and is not to be interpreted as a recertification program—*This Is Not a Test!*

Rick Roberts
 ADD Staff

FEDERAL EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION MANAGER

By now most of the ski areas should have received some items of excess Federal Property. Most of this equipment is salvaged army field equipment. Some of it will need some minor repairs. (Some of the equipment may be of no use to you.) If you get some unusual equipment and develop a unique use for it, try to get this information into the next issue of The Southern Cross so other ski areas can learn from your experience. Also, everybody be prepared to discuss uses of equipment at the Spring Meeting.

Harry Stowe
 F.E.D. Manager

AVALANCHE PATCH COURSE

(Save the Patch)

The 1986 Southern Division Avalanche Patch course will be held in the Colorado Rockies. See and Ski Winter Park, Silver Creek, Lake Eldora, Berthoud Pass and others, March 15 to 22, 1986. Course will be conducted with the cooperation of the Rocky Mountain Division.

A minimum of 10 participants is required. Registration deadline is February 15, 1986.

PATCH REFRESHER

(Bridger Bowl Alumni Association Meeting)

An Avalanche Patch refresher will be held on February 22, 1986 at Beech Mountain. All patch holders are required to refresh their knowledge and skills every three years, so take this opportunity to be a *current* patch holder. Class and field work will both take place on the 22nd so plan for the whole day. All division avalanche instructors or those wanting to be instructors should plan to attend.

To register or for more information for either course, contact:

Ron Geist
1605 Damon Court
Dunwoody, GA 30338
(404) 394-1268

PICTURE ANYONE?

National headquarters is looking for a good picture of a patroller in one of the new parkas. He/she should be performing a patrol function such as bringing down a sled. If you have one, please send it to Denver and receive recognition—and some cash.

1985 TRIAD SKI SWAP

The Ski Swap was held November 22nd through 24th at Edelweiss Ski Haus in Greensboro, NC. There were good crowds on Friday and Saturday and a record \$1,500 was raised for the Junior Program of the division. The real value was closer to \$2,000 considering the unsold equipment donated to the division, the Pepsi donated by Pepsi Cola Bottlers of Greensboro, and the snacks donated by Nabisco Biscuit Division of Greensboro through Howard Tilley. A giant contribution of store space, publicity and manpower was made by Edelweiss Ski Haus; many thanks to Steve Coggin and all his staff for the key part they played.

The support of all the patrollers who volunteered their time and effort is much appreciated. Thank you to:

Dan Alman (Appalachian)	Rosey Ehrlich (Hawksnest)
Steve Benbow (Hawksnest)	E. B. Fox (Appalachian)
Alan Cassell (Hawksnest)	Burt Hayes (Mill Ridge)
Nancy Delappe (Sugar)	Andrew Holshouser (Hawksnest)
Mark Dignan (Hawksnest)	Hugh Jurnigan (Cascade)
David Dillard (Administrative)	Alan Lakin (Appalachian)
Tom Dillon (Cascade)	Beverly Sizemore (Beech)
Ken Drake (Hawksnest)	Harry Stowe (Hawksnest)
Van Duncan (Hawksnest)	Ann Taylor (Hawksnest)
Heiner Ehrlich (Hawksnest)	Howard Tilley (Hawksnest)

Thanks also to those of you who brought ski equipment to sell. Our gross sales were nearly \$8,500—another record! This Ski Swap continues to be a great fund raiser for the Juniors and provides a great service to the skiers of the Piedmont Triad and surrounding areas. Thanks to all who helped and I look forward to seeing more of you at the 1986 Triad Ski Swap on the weekend before Thanksgiving. Mark your calendars now!

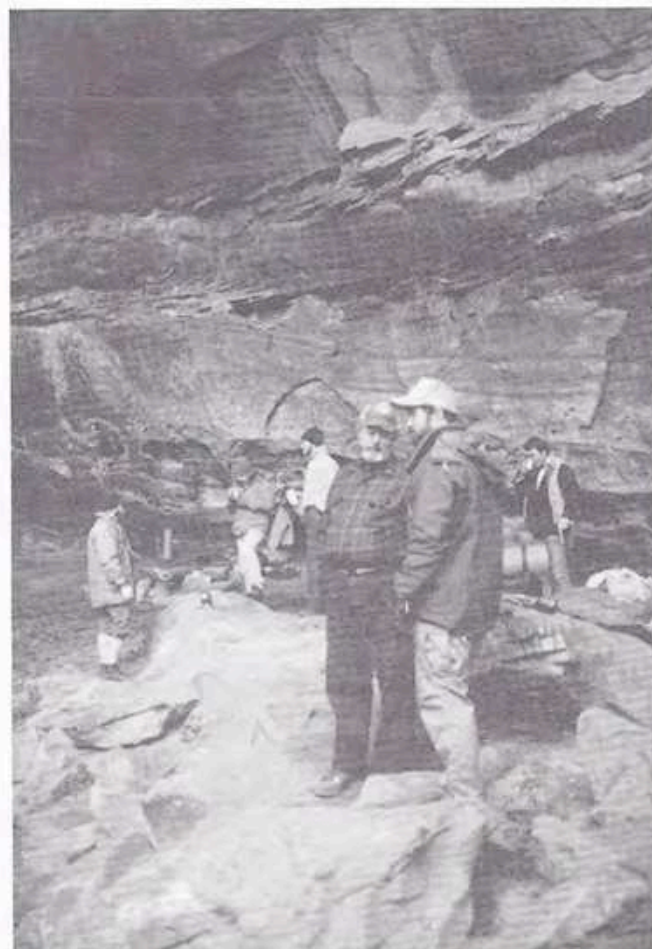
Mark Taylor
1985 Swap Coordinator

CIRCLE M COURSE

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"Breakfast Time"



Two of the Instructors—Bobby Harbin and Dennis Slagle

(Photos by Joy Slagle)

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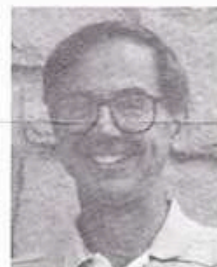
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PATROL NEWS

Hawksnest

We are clicking on all cylinders now that the season is in full swing! We are 41 members strong at the time of this writing including a promising group of candidates and auxiliaries. We had an excellent on-the-hill refresher in September and many of our patrollers participated in the 1985 Triad Ski Swap in Greensboro. We had a volunteer Work Day at Hawksnest where several members did some last minute chores prior to opening the ski area. These included painting, erecting snow fence, cleaning rental boots, moving lockers, organizing the first aid room and packing toboggans for that first lift ride. This proved to be a good day of patrol fellowship and was greatly appreciated by management. Hawksnest opened for business December 16th.

We have emphasized regular training on-the-hill this season and have scheduled a 2-3 hour training session for each and every weekend day. So far, the training sessions have been excellent with much help from Grandfather Section Chief, Butch McLean on Saturdays. Butch has not missed a Saturday yet, and his support is greatly appreciated. Assistant PL Howard Tilley is doing an excellent job as Patrol Training Officer and is getting much support from other Seniors on the patrol. We have also enjoyed the assistance of Hawksnest PSIA Instructors with our skiing skills and thank Ed O'Neill, Ski School Director, for the help.

General Manager, Phil Jarke has everything going smoothly and has facilitated ski patrol operations to make Hawksnest a safe and enjoyable place to ski. Snowmaking has been great, enough to permit the opening of both sides of the mountain on December 29th. Owner, Jon Reynolds, gave us a season pass to raffle and \$800 was raised. Thanks Jon! We are now in the process of raffling off a weekend for two (lodging, lift tickets and rental equipment). Hawksnest Sports, Inc. and High Country Realty has made this donation for February 8th & 9th. This kind of support has allowed us to purchase a new Cascade toboggan and to order three new Maxxon radios. Assistant PL Alan Cassell is doing a bang-up job as ramrod for our fund raising efforts.

We are having a Basic Test on January 25th and 26th and welcome any test-ready candidate from throughout the region. Hawksnest Ski Patrol will host the 1986 Southern Division Spring Convention on April 26th at the A.S.U. Continuing Education Center in Boone.

Mark Taylor, PL

Sugar Mountain

The Grandfather Section held its annual refresher earlier than usual this fall. On the weekend of September 28 & 29, Sugar Mountain and its patrol played host to patrollers from Hawksnest, Hound Ears and a few from Cascade Mountain. Many officers from the Southern Division also attended.

The North Carolina Sports Medicine Group comprised the major part of Saturday's agenda. Several doctors from this group "refreshed" us on (and certainly added to) our knowledge of various orthopaedic injuries, first aid procedures and many other interesting and practical ideas. Their time was certainly appreciated. We were definitely entertained as well as "educated." Butch McLean humbled us all with a little quiz.

Sunday, a beautiful day, was spent outside by the Sugar Mountain patrollers. Our yearly lift evacuation practice was held with everyone being evacuated.

Tall tales of deep snow were told all around—and we all are hoping that they will come true this ski season.

Meli Rucker

REGION NEWS

Skyline Region

We had a successful pre-season. All three refreshers presented excellent classroom instruction and on-hands training; lift evacuation exercises brought back butterflies for many stomachs.

The Virginia Section now has a new member with the Massanutten Ski Patrol. They have an excellent organization headed by Dan Buono and Jack Shields. The Virginia Section Chief, Charlie Coleman skis with the Massanutten Patrol and he will be visiting the patrols in the section this season. Massanutten and Wintergreen opened in early December, and Homestead opened later in the month. Candidate training began in November for the Wintergreen candidates, for first aid, consisting of classroom instruction and practical exercises.

The West Virginia Section, with Bob Bodomar as Section Chief, is already into an excellent season. Bob has organized a new Nordic Patrol at Elk River Touring Center in Slatyfork, West Virginia. He also conducted a refresher for Snowshoe, Silver Creek and Winterplace. Cup Run at Snowshoe was open to the bottom for the earliest time since skiing began there. Silver Creek has twelve new candidates and new pros and Mary Davis is the PL.

The region held a Circle A/Circle M course that was hosted by Wintergreen on November 15 & 16. This was well attended by patrollers from the region, with several visitors from other regions and the instructors did an excellent job. Thanks! All area managers in the region are expecting a long and good season with plenty of skiing for everyone.

I encourage all patrollers to purchase new editions of the Patroller Manual and Winter First Aid Manual. All patrols are working with their patrollers to enhance skiing and toboggan handling skills. Many patrols now have medical advisors.

If you are planning to visit and sign on with any patrol in the region, every patrol expects and requests that the patroller make advance arrangements for the visit. Think ski safety and plenty of turns. See you on the slopes.

Richard Chadick
Skyline Region Director

Blue Ridge has Circle M Course

The 1985 course was held December 14th & 15th at the Outward Bound School at Linville Gorge, NC. Five students and five instructors attended. They were:

Instructors	Students
Doug Gilstrap, Jr.	Tom Dillon
Robin Hinkle	Hugh Jurnigan, Jr.
Mark Taylor	Chris Newcomb
Elaine Wittmann	Buck Tilley
Lee Whittman	Tim Tumbiolo

After a day of classroom instruction in topics such as heat loss and gain, hypothermia, winter survival, emergency bivouac, map and compass, and winter equipment and camping, the group hiked about 1½ miles up to the Table Rock/Chimneys area of Linville Gorge Wilderness Area. Tents were erected, a fire built, dinners prepared and eaten and the group hastened to their sleeping bags to fend off the 15° cold. A few mountaineers braved the cold to enjoy the stars from a rock ledge near the chimneys.

The next morning was clear and cold with a recorded low temperature of 11°! No overnight casualties were suffered, although a few water bottles became ice bottles and a few students questioned the sanity of regular ski mountaineers! Sunday morning was spent in discussions and field exercises covering emergency shelter construction, nordic patrolling, ropes and knots, search and rescue, and map and compass. The sun shone and warmed the ridge to a comfortable 30°. We broke camp and returned to the Outward Bound School Sunday afternoon and bid each other safe trips home. The course was both informative and enjoyable for all who participated and we are very grateful to the Outward Bound School for their cooperation and use of their facilities. We would love to have more patrollers from the region at our course next season to share in the fun and knowledge of the outdoors with us.

Off Belay,
Mark Taylor, Region Advisor

DIVISIONAL TRAINING CLINIC, SUGAR MOUNTAIN

The first step in instituting the 85-86 ski season refresher training is underway. On January 11-12, patrollers representing the majority of ski areas in the division attended a two day program, led by two professional ski instructor examiners. The clinic focused on the American Teaching Method (ATM). This method teaches skills on turning your skis, edging properly and applying correct pressure to make your skis carve. Many skill exercises were performed to help in developing properly executed turns. We played follow the leader during the two days with everything being explained in simple, non-technical terms. There were no bamboo poles, courses set or grades given. The sessions were very positive and informative. Although we were all exhausted by Sunday, everyone learned a great deal.

The next steps are to hold Regional Training Clinics. The dates are outlined in the Southern Cross calendar. At these clinics E. B. Fox, Blue Ridge Region; Ed Saleem, Dixie Region; Brandon Deanne, Skyline Region will be working with local training officers to impact local ski area refresher programs. Keep in mind that we all need to constantly improve or adjust our skiing performance as we are in the public's eye. Everyone in the National Ski Patrol System is required to participate in this year's program.

We are developing uniform standards through skill exercises which should be fun for all patrollers. It is not TESTING! It is TRAINING! There are no poles, courses, score sheets or test judges! Just an enjoyable refresher to help everyone improve their own skiing skills.

Everyone involved on the training staff and area training is looking forward to working with all patrollers. See you on the slopes!

Neil A. Booth
Divisional Training Advisor



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FROM THE D.D.

By the time you read this, I will have visited all of our areas but about two. I hope to get by those before the end of the season. It has been a real experience for me. It's been great meeting new people and renewing old friendships. One of the most rewarding things has been to listen to the suggestions and ideas of a group of dedicated people in a variety of positions and jobs. In most cases I've been able to meet with Area Managers, and have gotten their input too. Without exception, they have been 100% behind their individual patrols and the National Ski Patrol as a whole. Sure, they've had some suggestions as to how we could improve, but they were all constructive in nature. We have an excellent relationship with the SSAA and we need to make sure we maintain it.

Speaking of the SSAA, you may or may not know we have joined with them for the first time this year on our Ski Safety billboards. I think it's a great program and I'm sure they do too. Many of you have probably seen the Posters coming or going from your ski areas. By the way, there will be an article on this in the next Ski Patrol magazine.

I have just returned from the Mid Winter Board Meeting in Denver. It snowed all day every day. Everyone was itching to get to the slopes. It was an excellent meeting and we covered a lot of subjects that are important to you all.

Most important was the information about our First Aid program. As most of you know, we have been working for some time on a new First Aid program. It was felt by many that we needed more depth than the Red Cross Advanced First Aid course. In the past, the ARC was not interested in talking to us about changing the program. Our First Aid and Medical Advisors felt we needed a course that included our Winter First Aid and such things as the use of oxygen, etc., and not so much emphasis on snake bites, drowning, emergency childbirth, for instance. Since we weren't getting very far with the ARC, the Board of Directors authorized the formation of a select committee. The Committee has done most of its work and the third draft of the course has been just finished. For a while it looked as if we might have to make up, run and operate our own First Aid Course outside the ARC. A lot of us felt we should work with the ARC if at all possible. For a long time, this didn't seem possible, but then in January of this year, the NSP and the ARC came to a tentative agreement on a joint First Aid course to be taught and administered jointly by the two organizations. The ARC has agreed to accept our new course curriculum and will work closely with us. Of course, there are still a lot of details to be worked out, but both sides are now working in the same direction. By the time we have our National Convention in June, it should be ready to be presented to the Board for final approval and implementation. This is an attempt to bring you up to date with the new program. I'm certain there will be changes in what I have told you before it is finalized, but I hope you agree this is a very positive step.

A lot of time was spent talking about how to go about getting your input on how you feel about the NSP. The Board is very interested in what you think. To that end, I believe they will be putting out a survey in the near future to ask your opinion on certain subjects. I hope you will take the time to respond to the survey when it comes.

I gave the NSP Board an overview of what we propose for the Board Meeting in Atlanta in June. Everyone is looking forward to coming and enjoying our famous Southern Hospitality. Again I urge you to get in touch with Rick Roberts if you can help on a committee. I guarantee you will enjoy yourself.

Please don't forget our Spring Convention in Boone. There is a registration form included in this issue of the Southern Cross. My thanks to the Hawksnest Patrol for hosting the meeting. Be sure to send in your registration right away so they can firm up their plans. Remember all Officers and Advisors are expected to be there. Don't forget to invite your Area Managers to the meeting. We certainly can use their input. The plans call for us to meet at the Center for Continuing Education near Appalachian State University. You will find the Center a beautiful and most enjoyable place to have our meeting.

Farris Jackson
Division Director

CALENDAR

March 1	Senior First Aid Test, Snowshoe, WV
2	Senior Ski Test, Snowshoe, WV
2	Basic Ski Test, Appalachian, NC
15-22	Advance Avalanche (Patch), CO
15	Basic First Aid Test, Silver Creek, WV
16	Basic Ski Test, Snowshoe, WV
21-23	Certified—Snowshoe, WV
Mar. 30-	
April 3	National Junior Training Seminar, Park City, UT
26	Spring Convention, Boone, NC
May 12	Southern Cross Deadline
June 25-	
29	National Convention, Atlanta, GA

IN MEMORIAM

Chuck Latkoff passed away
February 2, 1986
He patrolled at
Scaly Mountain, NC.

NEWS FROM THE DEEP SOUTH SECTION

Cool temperatures early in December gave Sky Valley, Scaly Mountain, and Sapphire Valley ski areas a great start for the 1985-86 season. January 5 marked the date for a candidate training seminar hosted by Scaly Mountain. Seven patroller and senior candidates attended with Dennis Slagle, training officer, constructing the courses and advising on skiing skills. On January 27th training officers from Scaly Mountain and Sky Valley participated in the Dixie Region Training Clinic at Wolf Laurel.

The Deep South Section was represented at the Division Junior Training Seminar this year by a talented patroller from Sky Valley. Mr. Brad Smith was able to attend the seminar, which was held at Winterplace, WV and deserves congratulations for his hard efforts. Overall in the competition Brad placed sixth.

February 2, 1986 was the date for the patroller ski proficiency test hosted by Sapphire Valley—with temperatures in the upper 40's and partly cloudy skies. Four candidates and five test judges completed the test with ease. The new patroller and junior patrollers are:

Joan Farrell—patroller—Sky Valley
Christine Chandler—Junior—Sky Valley
Clark Collins—Junior—Scaly Mountain

Congratulations for a job well done!

Thanks to each patrol for making me feel at home during my visits.

Joy Slagle
Deep South Section Chief

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Patrol Leaders, please continue your search for past inactive members; the Alumni need them.

David P. Dillard
Alumni Advisor

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March 14	March 15	March 16
March 21	March 22	March 23
April 4	April 5	April 6

Fee: \$125.00

Equipment to be furnished by students: Clothing appropriate for weather conditions with footwear with lug-type soles if possible, bag lunches when needed, rain gear.

Topics to be covered are:

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- Mountaineering Knots
- Rappelling Techniques Discussion
- Practical Rock Work
- Stretcher Lifts
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- Tyrolean Traverse
- Practical Exams of Systems and Techniques
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SKI DREAM A REALITY AT OBER GATLINBURG

Once again the Ober Gatlinburg Ski Patrol has sponsored a successful "ski day" for several dozen Kingswood School students. Kingswood School is a home for displaced children and is located in Bean Station, Tennessee.

All 24 children and chaperones were excited when January 28th rolled around, even though the temperatures were near zero. The participants wore donated long underwear under their jeans, 2-3 pairs of mittens, and warm hats and coats. None were intimidated by the frigid air. After the 7 minute aerial tram ride to the top, all ate donuts from the Donut Friar, donated by patroller Rick Ryan, and were outfitted with ski equipment. Next they were placed in ski school with instructors from Rolf Lanz ski school. The students finished class quickly and eagerly headed for the lifts and slopes. They were warned by patrollers Rick Ryan, Jimmy Kuneman, John Suiter, Robert Rhinehart, and myself on the signs and symptoms of cold exposure, but none suffered any frostbite. By day's end all had a terrific day!

Ober Gatlinburg Patroller Robert Rhinehart who organized the ski outing did a super job which we all appreciated. Without his energetic unselfishness, these children probably would never get a chance to experience the thrill of skiing. It is just one way we as patrollers try to promote the sport and make an unreachable dream for these children come true.

At this time I would also like to thank Ober Gatlinburg ski area, Rolf Lanz Ski School, the Donut Friar, and all the Ober Gatlinburg Ski Patrollers who donated the funds to make this special dream become reality.

Joy Slagle
Ober Gatlinburg Patroller



Patroller John Suiter assists student from Kingswood School



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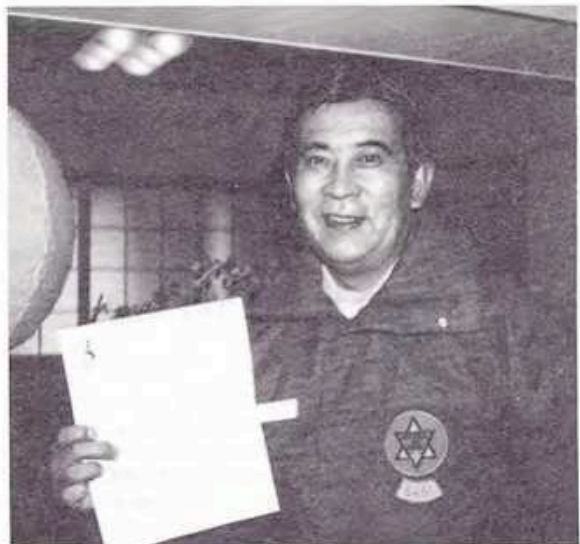


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Kataro "Jim" Hori NSP #6461

Jim is shown holding the very first copy of Southern Cross ever officially flown across the Pacific Ocean.

He expressed delight in receiving our newsletter and extends warmest regards to all Southern Division patrollers.

Thank you Jim and good skiing!

THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE



Avalanche Probe



One of five shelters



Mountaineering Class

On November 15th, 16th and 17th, Wintergreen Ski Patrol sponsored a Skyline Region Basic Avalanche and Mountaineering Course. At 7:00 p.m. on November 15th, we kicked off the weekend with a four hour lecture/conference on basic avalanche rescue utilizing materials provided by the Southern Division Avalanche Advisor plus handouts I provided. At 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning Doug Molyneux started the basic Mountaineering course assisted by Norris Woody, Bob Bodamer, Kevin Minnix and me. At the end of the lecture period the assembled class headed for the trailhead where we all hiked into the area where the over-night field portion would be held.

It was great training weather, at 45 to 50 degrees and light rain. By the time we got the tents up the rain had really started in earnest. By about 9:30 p.m. the die hards had finally given up and retreated to their tents. The next morning dawned partly cloudy but no rain so it was a welcome relief. We ate breakfast and participated in a couple of seminars, then split up into our work groups and constructed shelters using materials at hand. At the conclusion of the shelter experience the Mountaineering session was complete and we had an impromptu avalanche rescue exercise. We didn't have any probe poles or snow, but we improvised with bamboo and deep leaves. I set up a rescue scenario, assigned rescue positions and turned them loose to set up probe lines. Fortunately we had 25 people at this weekend exercise and there were enough for key leadership positions and two separate probe lines. We finished up with a short critique, then packed up and headed back off the mountain to our cars.

It was a great weekend. We accomplished all our goals and teaching objectives without compromise. Everyone had a great time inspite of the rain.

Preston Funkhouser

MORE TIME TO SKI

The operating room's loss is our gain. After 40 years in private practice, Harwell Dabbs, former division director, has retired. His days in surgery are now a thing of the past.

Harwell says had he been twenty years younger, he'd "stay in and fight the bureaucrats who've taken over medical practice." Malpractice insurance costs, plus governmental dictates on how a doctor must treat a patient, were prime factors in his decision. Tough words from a gentle man. He's not ready to sit and rock, however. As of February 3, he began a 40-hours a week position with the Veteran's Administration.

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MOUNTAINEERING PATCH COURSE FEBRUARY 7, 1986

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The convention will be held at the ASU Continuing Education Center on the ASU campus. The banquet Saturday night will feature prime rib, Division awards, entertainment (not yet finalized), beer, wine, set-ups, and soft drinks (sorry, Juniors)! We have set aside a block of 35 rooms at very reasonable rates (see the enclosed pre-registration form), so be sure and make your reservations by mailing the pre-registration form to me by MARCH 20TH. For those of you not familiar with the ASU Continuing Education Center, the rooms are very nice and the food is excellent. Banquet reservations can be made anytime before April 19th, but advance payment is required.

Come spend a spring weekend in the Carolina high country and enjoy the area's sights, cultural attractions, and hospitality. Boone may have a new look with honest-to-gosh nightlife if a beer and wine referendum on March 18th is successful! We at Hawksnest and other area patrols look forward to hosting you at the Spring Convention and urge you to attend. By the way, our door prizes will include a valuable, brand new, upholstered glider chair, so bring your aching backs to Boone! Don't forget to pre-register early (like now)! See you on April 26th.

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FROM THE D.D.

The 1985-86 season is history. For the most part it was a good season. The weather was good to us in December and January and then Mother Nature did us in with a long warm (or should I say hot) spell in February. Unfortunately some areas had to close entirely, but were able to reopen later as Winter came back. Nearly all the areas were closed for the season by the middle of March except for the areas in northern West Virginia where they usually run out of people before they run out of snow.

I am proud of the way the Division performed this year. Everywhere I went Area Managers told me that they were very pleased with their patrols. Thank you all for your efforts. Of course, we had some problems. We tried to straighten them out at the time they occurred. Those that we couldn't, we're working on. For instance, we had a very productive meeting on Training and Testing on Friday before the Spring Convention. Those in attendance worked hard to come up with answers to problems that we had this season. The Division Training and Testing Advisors were charged with developing a written manual in each advisorship for presentation to the Executive Committee in August for approval. The approved manual will be covered in detail at the Fall Officers Meeting in September. The purpose of this is to allow us to be consistent in our Training and Testing procedures. Also we want all candidates for any test to know exactly what's expected of them and how the test will be conducted. Because of this important subject and others that will be covered at the Fall Officers Meeting I think we need to have more than one day for the meeting. I propose that we meet as usual on Saturday morning and afternoon and carry over to Sunday morning, leaving by noon. By the way, it has been suggested that we have the FOM in Abingdon, VA on the 13th and 14th of September and French Moore is working on it for us. Please put this date on your calendars now and reserve it because we need all Officers and Advisors there. Last year the turn out was super and I expect to see you all there again this year. Of course, we welcome any patrollers at this meeting and want your input.

Speaking of meetings, we just had a wonderful Spring Convention. Those of you that were not able to attend really missed out. The Broyhill Center in Boone, NC was a terrific place to have a meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark Taylor and the Hawksnest Patrol for hosting the Convention. It was well run and fun. I don't know where they got all the door prizes, but it surely was fun winning them. Of course, the high point of the whole meeting was the presentation of the Outstanding Awards. I think this is absolutely the best part of the Division Director's job—to honor people who have done a super job.

- Certificate of Appreciation—Harry Stowe, FED Advisor
- Certificate of Appreciation—Mark Taylor, Convention Organizer
- National Appointment—Steve Waldrep—Section Chief and Patrol Leader
- Outstanding Auxiliary—Larrick Fox, Wintergreen
- Outstanding Junior Patroller—Doug Underwood, Gatlinburg
- Outstanding Professional Patroller—Mary Davis, Silver Creek
- Outstanding Patroller—Mark Taylor, Hawksnest
- Outstanding Patrol—Hawksnest Patrol
- Outstanding Nordic Patroller—Jim Reed—Smoky Mtn. Nordic

All of these fine people are to be congratulated for a job well done. I would also like to commend the patrollers who through hard work and dedication passed their Senior Test this year. We also had two fine patrollers pass the final phases of their tests to become a Certified Patroller. These were Rick Miller and Doug Molyneaux of Wintergreen.

I'm excited about the prospects for next season. We're on the right track and people are more comfortable in their jobs than they were last season. There is a possibility that we may have some new areas in the Division in the coming year. That's always exciting and at the same time, a challenge.

I hope you all have a great summer. A lot of us will be working on new plans and prospects for next season and I thank these people for their dedication. Don't forget the National Convention in June in Atlanta. You should be hearing from Rick Roberts on that. Try to come! You'll have a ball!

Farris Jackson, D.D.

JUNIORS

The 1985-86 Southern Division Junior Training Seminar was held at Winterplace, WV on February 1st & 2nd. There were 15 Juniors participating. Doug Underwood, Gatlinburg took 1st place; Scott Ghormley, Snowshoe 2nd and Jim Presswood, Gatlinburg 3rd. Airfare and registration for the National Junior Training Seminar at Park City, Utah was paid by Southern Division for the top two Juniors. Christine Tulenko, Wintergreen also attended the N.J.T.S. and was awarded 6th place in Practical First Aid with 123 Juniors participating. Congratulations Christine, Doug, Scott and Jim!

I would like to thank the adult examiners who helped at Winterplace, the staff and management of Winterplace and all Patrol Junior Advisors who have done a great job training. These Juniors will be the Seniors and pros of the future for the N.S.P.S. They are better trained when they complete those years with the Junior Program than most any Basic patroller. A Junior patroller who joins the organization at 15 has three years of patrol training, three division Junior seminars (equivalent of Basic test), and the opportunity to attend three N.J.T.S. (equivalent of Senior test). The Rocky Mountain Division has several patrols that do not allow Nationals to patrol yet they have very active Junior programs since when these patrollers turn 18 they are ready to become a pro with little or no further training.

The 1986-87 Division Junior Seminar will be held at Hawksnest Ski area and the National Junior Training Seminar will be at Bogas Basin, near Bosie in March.

Steve Benbow
Junior Advisor

CALENDAR

- Aug. 23 Executive Committee Meeting, Kingsport, TN
Sept. 13-14 Fall Officers Meeting, Abingdon, VA
Sept. 15 Southern Cross Deadline

SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE SPRING CONVENTION

In addition to the Outstanding Awards presented at this time, we would also like to recognize the following who have served the Southern Division well.

Ski Hawksnest	
Charles T. Benbow III	10 years
Heiner Ehrlich	15 years
Dale W. Johnson	20 years
James Shuttleworth	10 years
Michael Simmons	10 years
Snowshoe	
Robert Bodamer	10 years
Massanutten	
John Gable	15 years
Don Brunk	10 years
Jim Brunk	10 years
Doc Brohat	10 years
Stan Healwolf	10 years
Homestead	
Leroy Baisden	10 years
Charles Burgclore	10 years
Will Dickerman	10 years
William Parks, Jr.	10 years
Bing Poon	25 years
Wintergreen	
Brandon C. Deane	10 years
Warren Griffin	10 years
Robert Pugh	10 years
Ronald S. Smith	20 years
George W. Young, Jr.	20 years
Jedd A. Zaring	10 years
W. Ed Johnson	10 years
Sky Valley	
Bill Farrell	15 years
Walter Eaton	20 years
Senior certificates were presented to:	
William S. Styres	Ski Hawksnest
Larry Erb	Ober Gatlinburg
Bruce Tackes	Ober Gatlinburg
Kathy Harris	Wintergreen
John Adair	Massanutten
Dean Lyons	

Mark Taylor and Harry Stowe were given Certificates of Appreciation. Congratulations to all!

AVALANCE ALUMNS

The second Bridger Bowl Alumni Association meeting was held at Beech Mountain in late February. All patch holders were supposed to attend, to keep current their knowledge, skill levels and patches. Avalanche advisor Ron Geist taught the class.

Both class work and field exercises took place on the same day. Visibility was considerably better inside—as was evidenced by a certain local resident getting lost in the dense fog while leading the rest of the alumni (ae) to the site of the field work. Proper probing techniques located the "victim" in the twelve-inch deep snow (one of the deeper spots on the mountain that day). Afterwards, a few people stayed to ski; the rest went to Rascals for dinner.

Benning Garrison,
PR Advisor

SENIOR HILLS

The Testing Committee has approved the following slopes for the 1986-87 senior skiing proficiency testing:

AREA	SLOPES
Beech Mountain	Sky Dive
	Tri South
Cataloochee	Upper-Oh-My-Gosh
Snow Shoe	Cup Run
	Widowmaker
Wintergreen	Cliff Hanger
	Wild Turkey
	Big Acorn
Wolf Laurel	Flame Out
	Southern Express

This is not final, and will be reviewed on a periodic basis.

Doug Carlberg
ADD Line

PATROL NEWS

Wolf Laurel

The patrol had a very good season during 1985-1986. It started early for Training Officers Jamie Piercy and Ted Asland. They identified and contacted prospective candidates during the summer and had completed candidate registration and the Training Program by October.

During November Mountaineering instructors Mike Silver, Steve Waldrep and Tom Thomas conducted a Circle M course. It involved a backpack trip to Mt. Hardy and was well attended with 15 participants.

The ski slope opened the first weekend in December. This was the earliest opening on record and characterized a more aggressive approach by management. The slope operated day and night sessions seven days a week until the March 8th closing.

In January we hosted a Regional Training Clinic. The weather cooperated by providing a heavy snowstorm which lasted throughout the weekend.

During February we conducted a ski pre-test for the Basic Test. The next weekend the test was held followed by the annual party and elections for 1986-87. The candidates must have been "thinking snow" because Mother Nature cooperated with another heavy snowfall for the test. The test results were an 86% passing rate for the candidates. The training officers were commended for their hard work. The patrol party recognized Dell Straghorn, Hal Kempson, Randy Taylor, Rodney Bowen, John Roberts and Wayne Morgan as new Patrollers. Larry Erb is our new Senior.

Patrol Officers elected for 1986-87 are: Steve Waldrep, PL; Stuart Ray, Asst. PL; Sherry Smedley, Sec./Treas.

Steve Waldrep was awarded National Patroller number 6680 at the Spring Convention.

REGIONAL AUXILIARY ADVISORS APPOINTED

The Southern Division has appointed two qualified, energetic Auxiliary Advisors: Mary Underwood, Skyline/Blue Ridge Region and Ron Hamilton, Dixie Region.

Both appointees are capable of serving you, the patrols, in many ways which in turn will be helpful and beneficial to all within the Southern Division.

We wish them well.

Mary K. Twomey
National & Div. Advisor

Neil A. Booth
Training Advisor

NORDIC PATROL

Nordic patrolling in the Southern Division expanded during the 1985-86 season. Two new patrols were formed in the Snowshoe area. One of the two was formed at a ski touring center (Elk River) which is a first for the Southern Division. A Nordic Senior bivouac was held in conjunction with the Mountaineering patch course at Mt. Rogers. Some patrollers participated in the bivouac because of the challenge—knowing they weren't going to take the Senior Nordic ski test. Parts of a Senior ski test were held in the Smoky Mountain area. Because of scheduling, no one managed to attend all parts of the test. Next season it is hoped that the Southern Division will have its first Nordic Senior.

Training programs are already being planned for next season. Video tapes made at the National Nordic Advisors meeting in Montana should be available to help with this. It was recommended at the meeting that all Section Chiefs who aren't Nordics participate in this training.

Milton Triplett
Nordic Advisor

PATROLLER SKI TRAINING

The 1985-86 ski season is behind us now. However, the passing of the season was a very positive step for ski training on skiing skills. For those of you who were able to attend any of the four clinics, you probably learned a great deal. Everyone learned either a new skill or skills or saw ways to improve ski training in 1986-87.

At the end of March, I attended the second annual National Training Committee Meeting, Crystal Mountain, WA. At this meeting, we reviewed each Division's progress to insure we are moving in the right direction. We are! You will see this direction at your annual refresher meetings. The areas we will concentrate on next season will be continued ski refresher training and toboggan handling skills. It will be a positive, informative and most importantly, a fun program for all patrollers to participate in.

We are striving to standardize all ski training so everyone knows the expectations of patrolling. Training is an ongoing process for everyone, be it to achieve the Basic, Senior, Certified levels or merely to improve for your own personal gratification. Training in the past has centered around test preparation. Obviously this is necessary! But, we can not forget the training needs for we existing patrollers.

The training staff looks forward to working with all patrollers next season. Again, you can look forward to an exciting 86-87 ski training season. Have a good summer!

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Many times I have thanked so many of you for helping to make this newsletter what it has become. We can only continue to have this fine a publication if everyone sends articles in time for the deadline. This is especially true for the next edition as it will need to come out as soon as possible after the Fall Officers Meeting to list the Fall Refreshers. Please help by getting YOUR article in by the deadline. If at all possible, typewritten copy would be most appreciated!

Thanks again to all you faithful "reporters"!

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FROM THE D.D.

Happy New Year to you all!!!

I hope you all had a fine holiday season and are enjoying the beginning of the 1986-1987 ski season.

As I told you in the last Southern Cross, we had an excellent Fall Officer's Meeting in September. It was well attended and the participation was outstanding. I thank you all for your efforts. Since that meeting a lot of work has gone on to carry out the decisions of the officers there.

I was fortunate enough to attend six of our First Aid Refreshers this fall. All of them were excellent in my opinion. Of course, they were all different in their approach, but the content and "hands-on" experiences were super. The instructors had obviously done their homework because the lectures and problem presentations covered the subjects expertly. Due to the introduction of the new Winter Emergency Care Course there was a lot more emphasis on physiology. The very first WEC refresher was held in Charlottesville, VA and was supervised by the Virginia Section under the able direction of Pres Funkhouser. The level of instruction at all the refreshers I attended was very high from the first aid instructors to the medical people who were nice enough to help us.

Cloyd Beasley ran the first ever complete Winter Emergency Care Course in Oak Ridge this fall. I believe there were about 12 students who began the course and ten graduated. Two had to drop out. The comments were all very favorable at the end of the course and all these people scored high on the refresher tests. Thank you Cloyd for an excellent job.

We held our Mid-winter Executive Committee Meeting at Beech Mountain on January 3rd and heard reports from most patrols and advisorships. Doug Carlberg traveled from his home in Tucson, AZ in mid-December and has visited all ski areas in the Skyline Region and several in the Blue Ridge Region while attending the Executive Committee Meeting. One area he visited was Timberline Ski Resort. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome this fine area into the Southern Division family. Lynn Janutolo is the area manager and Bob Maclay is the PL. Doug says they have 24 patrollers at this time. Any of you that may be in the vicinity, drop by and welcome them. By the way, Timberline is in Davis, WV near Canaan Valley. Reports indicate that nearly all areas had a good Christmas season and are happy with the season so far. Rick Roberts reported for his advisors except for Tommy Godwin, our new Fund Raiser Advisor, who was in attendance. All programs have capable leadership and I would encourage you to call on any advisor that you feel can help you. Charles Benbow, our Awards Advisor, was shocked when he received 3 award forms on January 3rd. This is a good trend! Please think about deserving people on your patrol and get award forms to Charles as soon as possible. French Moore is working on the First Aid section of our training manual and with help should have it to us this season. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a list of surplus equipment that Harry Stowe, our FED Advisor, has rounded up for us. If your patrol needs any of this equipment, please contact Harry directly. His address and phone number is on the address list included with this newsletter.

Be sure to look at the additions to the calendar (page 2) so you don't miss any event you might want to attend.

As a reminder, I hope you will make plans to join us at our Spring Convention to be held April 24th and 25th. We're planning to hold it in the Waynesboro, VA area this year.

If there is anything I can help you with during the season, please give me a call or drop me a line. Finally, I'll be attending the Mid-winter National Board Meeting in Denver on the 6th and 7th of February. Actually, I'll be going out early to attend a meeting of a committee to re-work the national awards procedures and forms. This meeting is on the 4th and 5th. Should you have any input for either of these meetings, please let me know before I leave on the 3rd. I would welcome your suggestions because I'll be representing you all at these meetings.

Have a good ski season!!!

Farris Jackson
Division Director

ATTENTION ALL PATROLLERS

*Please observe Southern Division
Policy on visiting ski areas other than
your own. You must contact PL at
least 24 hours in advance and obtain
permission to sign on.*

1987 DIVISION DIRECTOR ELECTION

As per article III, section 13.2 of the bylaws of the National Ski Patrol Systems, the Southern Division must hold election of the Division Director in the month of March 1987. The eligible voters are all the line officers, as prescribed by the Southern Division bylaws.

Those qualified people wishing to run for Division Director must declare in writing on an 8½x11 sheet of paper no later than February 1st, 1987.

Send the letter to:

David P. Dillard, Election Coordinator
3227 Stillwell Rd.
Summerfield, NC 27358

CALENDAR

- Jan. 31 Basic First Aid Test—Wintergreen, VA
Skyline Training Clinic—Massanutten
Basic Nordic Test—Great Smoky Mountain Nordic
- Feb. 1 Southern Cross Deadline
Basic On-The-Hill—Wintergreen
Skyline Training Clinic—Massanutten
Deep South Section & Basic Patroller Ski Training Clinic
Basic Nordic Test—Great Smoky Mountain Nordic
- 6-8 Mount Rogers—Advanced Mountaineering Course
- 7 Basic First Aid Practical Test—Wintergreen
- 7-8 Skyline Senior Testing Clinic—Wintergreen
- 8 Basic Ski Test—Wintergreen
- 14 Wold Laurel Basic Patroller's Ski Test
Senior Adm. and First Aid Test—Wolf Laurel
- 14-15 Division Junior Seminar—Hawk's Nest
- 15 Senior Ski Test—Wolf Laurel
Deep South Section Patroller Ski Test—Sky Valley
Certified Clinic and Pretest—Wintergreen
- 21 Blue Ridge Senior First Aid—Beech Mountain
Massanutten Basic First Aid Test
Elk River Nordic Basic Test
- 21-28 Advanced Avalanche (Patch) Course—Colorado
- 22 Blue Ridge Senior—On-The-Hill—Beech Mountain
Massanutten Basic S&T Test
Elk River Nordic Basic Test
- 28 Massanutten Winter Carnival
Senior First Aid Test—Snowshoe
Senior First Aid Practical—Snowshoe
- Mar. 1 Basic Test—Appalachian
Senior Test—Snowshoe
Basic Test—Gatlinburg
- 8 Basic Test—Sugar
Basic Ski Test—Wintergreen
- 14 Basic First Aid Test—Snowshoe
- 15 Basic Ski Test—Snowshoe
- 20-22 Certified Test—Snowshoe
- 28-Apr. 3 National Junior Seminar—Bogas Basin, Boise, Idaho
- April 3 Southern Cross Deadline
- 25 Spring Convention—Wintergreen

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Insulated Food Containers	10
Foam Pads	70
Boots, Extreme Cold	50 pair
Wet Weather Gear: Pants, Parkas, Ponchos	lots
Mess Kit, Canteen, Entranching Tool	lots
Reel Cable - Self Supporting	
4 Conductor, ¼ Mile Long	3
Sleeping Bags	4
Shelter Half	16
Duffel Bags	30
2" wide x 1/8" Thick Nylon Strapping,	
Various Lengths	lots

Harry Stowe
Fed. Adv.

APPALACHIAN HAS BIRTHDAY

It's difficult to believe we've been around so long, but Appalachian Ski Mountain joined the quarter-century mark this past year: twenty-five years of operating in the South. And we still are considered the "baby" division? Grady Moretz called together a bunch of friends — Mrs. Eric de Groat, Jon Reynolds, Claude Anders, Gunther Jochl, Sepp Gmuender, to drop a few names — to Appal Valley to celebrate the occasion back when the snow was beginning to fall. The Division joins those friends in saying to Grady and his mountain, Happy Birthday!

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

JUNIORS

The 1986-1987 Southern Division Junior Training Seminar will be hosted by Hawksnest Ski Patrol on February 14th & 15th. All Juniors and Junior Candidates are urged to attend; adult patrollers are also welcome. Trophies will be awarded to the top three Juniors. The 1st & 2nd place Juniors will have their air fare and registration fee paid to attend the 1987 National Junior Training Seminar. This will be hosted by the Pacific Northwest Division, March 28th-April 3rd at Bogas Basin in Boise, Idaho.

The Southern Division Junior Seminar will consist of written and practical first aid as well as skiing and toboggan competition. All Juniors and Junior Candidates should plan to attend; this is also a great training experience!

The Hawksnest ski patrol will be having its infamous Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday night (February 14th) in conjunction with the seminar. All ski patrollers and friends are invited to attend (even if you're not involved with the seminar). Dinner will be served from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Come enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with other ski patrollers. Hawksnest will be open for night skiing 6:00 to 10:00 and a special Night Hawk Session for late night skiers from 11:00 pm to 4:00 am, for anyone wishing to night ski.

Join us in February!

Steve Benbow
Junior Adv.

ADVANCED AVALANCHE COURSE

An advanced avalanche course is planned for the week beginning February 22, 1987 in Colorado. It will include classwork and field sessions along with considerable avalanche terrain reconnaissance — (that means we will ski a number of different ski areas). The course will be conducted by world renown instructors from various NSPS divisions. A minimum of 15 is required to hold the course. A decision must be made by January 20, 1987 regarding the course so please contact me *AS SOON AS POSSIBLE* regarding your intentions to attend or if you need further information.

A course fee of \$75 includes course materials and transportation in Colorado.

Ron Geist
Avalanche Advisor

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PURPLE MERIT STARS

The Purple Merit Star — that's the one for saving a life, which is just what Beech Mountain patrollers Steve Tatum, Mark Adams and Rick Dixon did last March, and for which they were awarded Purple Merit Stars on October 11.

According to PL Gil Adams, the incident involved an advanced skier skiing at high speed who crashed into a tree. This resulted in a head injury and explosion of the 5th vertebra. The patrollers administered artificial respiration, then CPR, and were able to restore the pulse prior to arrival at the hospital. According to the doctor at the hospital, the injured skier, although paralyzed, is alive today in Virginia, thanks to the efforts of these three professional patrollers.

Steve started patrolling in 1971, is a furniture builder (Tatum Galleries on Rte. 105 between Foscoe and Invershiel) when he's not on skis; Mark, a 15-year veteran of NSPS, works on lift maintenance off-season; Rick, who is with Grounds Maintenance at Beech, joined the patrol in 1979.

The National Ski Patrol and Southern Division are very proud to have members such as these.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

YELLOW MERIT STAR

The Yellow Merit Star is awarded for an outstanding act or service for the National Ski Patrol, and as warranted for rescue. That's why Ed Covington, Massanutten Ski Patrol, proudly wears a Yellow Merit Star — for an outstanding rescue — which unfortunately went unrecognized for three years.

Although the incident took place December 31, 1983, the heroism is no less admired, and the award was made during the Charlottesville Refresher this past October. Facts have slipped from memories during the elapsed time, but not from that of the little girl who was rescued.

• She'd run off the side of the slope, hit a tree and received a head injury. Ed's quick, courageous actions are what she will always remember.

• Ed, who has built his own airplane and flies it, hails from Old Church, VA, according to Massanutten PL Jack Shields. We recently welcomed this patrol to Southern Division. Now we would like to welcome this outstanding individual — Ed Covington.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

NORDIC NOTES

The video made at the National Nordic Advisors meeting in Kallispel, Montana last December has arrived. An added segment to the tape is a basic patroller skiing demo in which Nordic skiers perform all the test requirements with the alpine skiers. My goal is to get this tape and a new one I have on Nordic skiing skills around to all the Nordic patrols during the season. I have also received a copy of the Rocky Mountain Div. Nordic Candidate training manual. It is being reproduced (along with the manual from Eastern) and distributed to all Nordic patrols for comment. These comments will be sent to the committee (on which So. Div. is represented) for combining the manuals into one that will be made available through the National office.

Milton Triplett
Nordic Advisor

PATROL NEWS

Renegade

We've had a busy fall getting ready for the ski season. There were 15 participants when we hosted a Basic Avalanche course taught by Dennis Slagle and Milton Triplett. Following that, the University of Tennessee Memorial Hospital (Knoxville) Aeromedical Services gave us a safety seminar, including a visit by their Lifestar helicopter. Later that afternoon we held our lift evacuation refresher with a practice evacuation that night.

On December 7, we gave administrative and first aid tests to our candidates. We now have four new auxiliary patrollers. One junior candidate has passed this milestone on his way to becoming a junior patroller. I proudly announce that our ski area manager, Whit Sterling, is one of our new auxiliary patrollers.

Tim Henion, the head of the Respiratory Therapy program at Roane State Community College (Harriman, TN) gave us a lesson on airways and oxygen use. He also left our patrol a couple of bag-mask resuscitators, oral airways, nasal canulas & masks. He was also instrumental in the donation of two aluminum 'E' oxygen cylinders and a regulator.

Our patrol room has a new look since it was rearranged. Thanks to Charlie Henley who donated and installed a counter top and shelves. In addition to the patrol room changes, we will have to get used to having some new radios. Our ski area just purchased nine new radios (three for patrol use).

It looks like a good season ahead for Renegade.

Brad Smallen, PL

'86 TRIAD SKI SWAP SMASHES RECORD!

The Ski Swap was a huge success! Our gross receipts were up more than 50% over last year. The net profit to the Junior Program for the division is right at \$2200! Round up your Juniors and send them to Hawksnest on February 14th & 15th for the Division Junior Training Seminar. The top two or more will have their way paid to Bogas Basin, Boise, Idaho, courtesy of this fund-raising effort!

Many thanks to all the patrollers who helped out. The division (especially the Blue Ridge Region) was well represented and everyone worked hard. A special thanks goes to Edelweiss Ski Haus in Greensboro for hosting the swap and advertising it extensively. They are largely responsible for our record-breaking sales volume (and profit!)

See you next year at Edelweiss on the weekend before Thanksgiving and a big "Thank You" for your support.

Mark Taylor
Swap Coordinator

RECRUIT YOUR FRIENDS

Twenty-five hundred new recruiting pamphlets have been mailed to the section chiefs — 100 pamphlets for each patrol in the section. (Doug Gilstrap's, for Carolina Highlands, were late arriving because the packaging broke. The pamphlets were temporarily misplaced; but the Postal Department found them, and delivery was completed.) Anyone wanting additional pamphlets, please let me know. We still have 2500 more!

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor



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FROM THE D.D.

Those of you who were not at the Spring Convention in Waynesboro, VA really missed a great event. Pres. Funkhouser and his troops put on a wonderful weekend for all of us. On behalf of the Southern Division I extend a big thank you to Pres, Charlene, Ray Hanger, and all the others who worked so hard to make the 1987 Spring Convention a very special occasion.

On Friday evening we had our Spring Executive Committee meeting. The evening's work was mainly centered around the awards program. Most of you know that Mary K. Twomey, our Auxiliary Advisor, died on April 7, 1987. What a loss to the Ski Patrol both in the Southern Division and nationally, as she was also the National Auxiliary Advisor. Mary was always conscientious and worked hard in her job, but more than that she was our good friend. Because of these things the Executive Committee voted to name the Outstanding Auxiliary Award in her honor. Henceforth the award will be known as the Mary K. Twomey Outstanding Auxiliary Award. For those of you that didn't know of these developments earlier, I need to tell you that Mary's family has asked that anyone wishing to send a memorial for Mary should send it to the Cataloochee Ski Patrol in her name. Other items that were discussed were: (1) French Moore showed a draft of the proposed first aid training manual. (2) We now have an excellent supply of cardboard splints on hand. Please make your needs known to Charles Benbow and he will ship them to you. Your cost will be \$18.50 per hundred plus freight. You need to send the check to our Treasurer, Jim Underwood. (3) You all will be hearing more in the near future about the National Ski Patrol's 50th Anniversary which will be coming up in March 1988. It will be a year long celebration. I'll keep you informed of the plans as I find out about them. (4) The following dates were set for meetings that will be held in the 1987-88 season. Please make a note of them and make your plans to attend.

Summer Executive Committee	Kingsport, TN	August 9, 1987
Fall Officer's Meeting	Kingsport, TN	September 12, 1987
Winter Executive Committee	Beech Mtn.	January 9, 1988
Spring Convention	Gatlinburg, TN	April 30, 1988

Other dates will be passed on to you as they are firmed up. There will be several training classes this Summer to upgrade Red Cross Advanced First Aid Instructors to Winter Emergency Care Instructors. John Chandler will keep you informed on this. I inform you with regret that our good friend, Harwell Dabbs has submitted his resignation as WECC Supervisor due to pressures of his job and some medical problems. We all wish him well and hope that things work out well for him and that he is able to be back with us very soon.

At the Convention, which began on Saturday morning, a lot was covered that will have a big impact on us in the future. John Chandler covered very thoroughly the status of the WECC. We learned that the Red Cross has been back in touch with the National Committee about the course. This is good news I feel. Of course, we don't know where the discussions will lead at this time, but I like the idea that we are back together in the discussion stage. By this Fall we will have upgraded our First Aid Instructors to the WECC Level and they will be teaching the WEC Course at the Fall Refreshers. This will all be laid out in the Patroller Magazine this Summer. We have a super new course and it is being recognized as such by many prestigious organizations. You can be proud of the work the WECAPAC committee has done. A special vote of thanks to John Chandler, who has done such a fine job as a member of this committee.

The Region Directors gave reports with help from their Section Chiefs and Patrol Leaders who were present. By and large everything went well except for the lack of snow in the areas south of the Boone area. Some Ski Areas were only open "parts" of three weekends. Others ran out of skiers before they ran out of snow. And then we had the tremendous snow the first weekend in April. Snowshoe said they had more than 37" in two days and had several super skiing days. Sugar reopened for several days and Flynn Harris says the skiing was great. Susan and I were able to get to all but two ski areas this Winter and had a great time visiting with each and every patrol. I apologize to Wolf Laurel and Gatlinburg for not getting to their area. It was my loss. We'll see you next time for sure.

Rick Roberts led the presentation of the Advisor's reports and presented the reports for those who were unable to be there. Some excerpts are as follows: Alumni/Dillard, now have 17 alumni registered. Please help him get in touch with those that you may know that might like to be registered as alumni. He has brochures available that explain the program. Awards/Benbow, got a better response on awards this year. Keep up the good work. Awards program is in the process of being revamped and upgraded. New manual and procedures should be approved at the National Board Meeting in June. Changes will be in effect for the 1987-88 season. Telecomm/Woodlee, Remember that Rick has the Tempo CS-15 programmable

CALENDAR

JUNE

- 21, 1987 WEC Instructors' Clinic
Lake Monican, VA
- 25-27, 1987 NSPS Spring Meeting
Colorado Springs, CO

JULY

- 11, 1987 WEC Instructors' Clinic
Oak Ridge, TN

AUGUST

- 1, 1987 WEC Instructors' Clinic
Winterplace, WVA
- 9, 1987 Summer Executive Meeting
Kingsport, TN

SEPTEMBER

- 5, 1987 WEC Instructors' Clinic
Boone, NC
- 12, 1987 Fall Officers' Meeting
Kingsport, TN
- 14, 1987 Southern Cross Deadline

OCTOBER

- 3, 1987 Grandfather Section
Refresher at Sugar Mtn.

NOVEMBER

- 14, 1987 First Aid Refresher, VA Sec
Charlottesville, VA
- 20, 1987 Circle A
Lake Monican Lodge, VA
- 21-22, 1987 Circle M
Lake Monican, VA

FEBRUARY

- 27, 1988 Basic First Aid Test
Wintergreen, VA
- 28, 1988 Basic Skiing Test
Wintergreen, VA

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radio available at super prices for those of you that are interested in adding units or upgrading. Lynn Pace also has a good source for the Maxon radios that have performed well also. The FCC still has some of our requested licenses under advisement. However, they have given us a temporary National License under which we can work until things have been resolved. FED Manager/Stowe, still has some supplies that he picked up last season. Call him if you need any of the items that were in the last *Southern Cross*. He still can get aircraft seatbelts and the Wintergreen Patrol showed how useful they can be on a backboard. Contact Harry if you would like any seatbelts (at \$.50 ea.). Let him know what your needs are. Fund Raising/Godwin, working on a system of brochures and donation envelopes in display racks for use in each patrol room. Certified/Deane, gave a fine explanation of how the certified program works and how it can help in all areas of the Ski Patrol. Archivist/Slagle, needs pictures of all officers who have not already had them taken. Junior/Benbow, Division Jr. Seminar held at Hawksnest with top 4 finishers going to Idaho. The National Seminar was excellent. A National Junior review committee has been established and will report to the Board meeting in June. The 1987-88 National Junior Seminar will be at Whiteface, Lake Placid, NY. Nordic/Triplett, Nordic Senior Program started and now has two Nordic Senior Patrollers. Two Southern Division Nordic Patrollers are in the running to patrol on the Olympic Patrol. Lynn says one hangup might be that the Canadians might insist on having interpreters come with them. Any volunteers? Training/Booth, goal of training program is to learn while having fun. Learn just one more new skill each time. Rick Miller attained associate level with the PSIA. Congratulations!

Editor's Note

The next deadline is important
for all patrollers. Be sure *your*
information is on time!

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Jim Underwood presented a follow-up on the Reckless Skier Program that we worked on at our last meeting. He sent out a questionnaire about the existing programs at different areas. He got a pretty good response and compiled the answers for us. A super job and very informative. Snowshoe presented a VCR film of their SOS (Safe On Skis) program and told of how well it worked this past season - a really outstanding job. Other areas have very good programs also. I believe Snowshoe and Beech Mountain programs are in the finals in the NSAA contest. I was instructed by the Executive Committee to present Jim Underwood's package to the SSAA at their meeting on May 10th and 11th. Their President, Uel Gardner, has agreed to give me time on their program to do this. I'll let you know how it is received.

The NSP is working on getting the Postal Service to approve the issuance of a commemorative stamp for the 50th anniversary of the Patrol and I showed everyone a picture of the proposed stamp. All agreed it was outstanding. In order to get this approved we will need the help of all patrollers in getting people to write letters in support of this to their Congressmen and Senators and to the Postal Committee in charge of this type of stamp production. I'll let you know when you're needed.

As you saw in the last copy of the Patroller Magazine, the NSP has bought a new office building in Denver. It was very much needed and overdue. We got a super deal on the building and you should be proud of it. It will be formally dedicated during the June Board meeting which will be held at Colorado Springs, CO. The following is the address of the new building:

National Ski Patrol
Ski Patrol Building
133 South Van Gordon Street
Lakewood, CO 80228-1706

This address will be effective as of May 15th, 1987. There will be a new telephone number but we do not have it at this time. I'll pass it on to you as soon as I get it.

Congratulations are in order for Lee and Elaine Whittman and Norris Woody who have been appointed National Mountaineering Instructors.

At the banquet, which was wonderful, a good time was had by all and a great many deserving people got awards. Charles worked long and hard with Charlene Funkhouser to get all of the awards framed for presentation. There were more than forty counting the service awards presented. At least a dozen outstanding people got their Senior Award, but the highlight as usual was the presentation of this year's Outstanding Awards. They were as follows:

Outstanding Junior Patroller	Scott Ghormley
Mary K. Twomey Outstanding Auxiliary	Harry Stowe
Outstanding Nordic Patroller	Milton Triplett
Outstanding Pro Patroller	David Oakley
Outstanding Patroller	Howard Tilley
Outstanding Nordic Patrol	Smoky Mtn. Patrol
Outstanding Patrol	Snowshoe Patrol

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for electing me to serve as your Division Director for the next two years. The past two have been exciting and rewarding for me. I believe we have accomplished a lot and I look forward to working with you to make our Division even better. Let me hear from you if I can be of help to you, your Patrol or your Ski Area.

Farris Jackson, Division Director

IN MEMORIAM

All of us in the NSPS have given our services of our own free will and would easily come under the technical definition of a volunteer. Our volunteerism appends to an organization in which we have some special interest and we are organizational volunteers. For those of us who love the sport of skiing many hours of our time has been gratuitously given to the service of others who share our interest.

Rare indeed is the individual who does not limit his services to a special interest organization but rather leads his life aiding, performing a service or answering a need voluntarily. Rare indeed was Mary Kay Twomey.

Mary Kay was affiliated with NSPS and Cataloochee Ski Patrol for 19 years. She was an Auxiliary the entire time and was serving the system as National Auxiliary Advisor. For her, patrolling did not include skiing or that exhilarating rush as you speed into the wind and seem to merge with the outdoors. To her the descent from a snow covered hill under a bright sun and blue sky was just a part of the past, the memory too removed to savor. She caught her gusto in smaller puffs as she provided a sympathetic ear, an assessment of injuries, a careful treatment or a reassuring smile. She gave the warmest gift, the gift of presence.

Mary was trained as a nurse and was regularly called upon to assist in first aid training and annual refreshers, and was the acknowledged authority on matters relating to first aid. Her willingness to be counted gained her responsibilities from the patrol to the National level.

Mary provided the example and inspiration to two sons who shared her love of skiing and became infected with her enthusiasm for service to others. John Twomey served the Cataloochee Ski Patrol from 1969 until his death in 1973. Bob Twomey is in his 14th year of service to the same Patrol.

She gave a special gift to her family and friends in her last illness. It was the gift of sparing them the grief of her suffering and the hurt in knowing her terminable prognosis. As "The Prophet" spoke to us as receivers: "...assume no weight of gratitude, lest you lay a yoke upon yourself and upon him who gives."

There was another layer to this profile and it didn't go unnoticed. She was a person who carried miniature candy bars in her purse and waited for children to appear hungry for a burst of energy. She was a person who carried an extra pair of socks because she knew yours might get wet and a dry pair would be warmly appreciated. She was the signator on the box of cheese or nuts that came in the mail at Christmas time. She was the person who showed up at your daughter's hospital room on a Christmas day and sent you home to spend the day with the rest of your family.

This sensitive, caring person dealt with everyone as a giver. The list of services to others would be legion. Thanks for being a part of our organization. Mary Kay didn't ski but she could sure handle the double black diamonds of life. She left us on April 7, 1987. She earned the rating of an Expert.

Bob Riddle

Dear Friends,

It is with much regret I tell you Mary K. Twomey died on Tuesday, April 7, 1987 at approximately 8:30 a.m. Since the Fall of 1986, Mary had knowingly been diagnosed as having a form of cancer which affects the function of the liver. Her health began to drastically decline after the Christmas Season. During the first three months of this year, Mary underwent chemotherapy in an effort to deter the rapid growth of the disease. She became incapable of remaining at home during March and was confined for the remainder of time in St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville. The week prior to her death, it became evident she was ready to stop her battle against the cancer. Her last hours were very quiet and calm - she passed away as she slept.

Mary K. is very special to all of us - as her family and friends. Bob, myself and many of her friends checked on her daily. We shared our feelings and concerns with her frankly and honestly as she maintained her mental faculties. Mary acknowledged each letter we read her with a smile, occasionally a chuckle and often a tear.

As you share in our "loss" please remember Mary, the "Dignified Lady" and her undying faith and strength. Also, we ask you to pass this information on to anyone who shares in our love for Mary.

Very Sincerely yours,
Regina S. Twomey

JUNIOR SEMINAR

Five Juniors and eight adults from Southern Division attended the 1987 National Junior Training Seminar at Bogas Basin in Boise, Idaho. The five Juniors all participated in the seminar learning new ski and toboggan skills and fine tuning their first aid skills. Scott Marland aced his written first aid test for a first place tie and finished tenth overall for the seminar. All of our Juniors did well; most placing in the top twenty five overall. All the Juniors said they learned new skills and had a great time!

Scot Ghormley—Snowshoe
Scott Marland—Gatlinburg
Tommy Clabough—Appalachian
Hellen Calhoun—Appalachian
Cleve May—Mill Ridge

Harry Stowe—Hawksnest
Carolyn Stowe—Hawksnest
E. B. Fox—Appalachian
Wes Benbow—Winterplace
Steve Benbow—Hawksnest
Preston Funkhouser—Wintergreen
Charlene Funkhouser—Wintergreen
Mike May—Mill Ridge

Thanks to E. B. Fox, Preston and Charlene Funkhouser for their support and help with examining at the NTJS. Also thanks to the Juniors for their fine representation.

The 1988 National Junior Training Seminar will be hosted by Eastern Division. The seminar will be March 6-11 at Whiteface Mountain, Lake Placid, NY. Junior registration will be \$225.00 and adult registration is \$225.00 also. The price is for four persons in a room. If an adult wishes a two person room the cost will be \$260.00 per person.

Steve Benbow, Junior Adv.

CURRENT ARC INSTRUCTORS

Current ARC instructors of the Southern Division who desire to continue to actively teach in the fall refreshers and teach the new Winter Emergency Care Course of the NSPS will need to attend an instructors update this summer. The session is a one day update, offered in four locations this summer. This course is only for current ARC or EMT instructors registered with the Southern Division at this time. Please contact the course supervisor for the update listed below to register.

- 1) Virginia area: June 21, 1987, Lake Monican, VA
Coordinator: Preston Funkhouser
5735 Danville Dr.
Fayetteville, NC 28301
- 2) Tennessee area: July 11, 1987, Oak Ridge, TN
Coordinator: Cloyd Beasley
110 S. Purdue, Oak Ridge, TN 37830
Coordinator: Janie Bollinger
P.O. Box 428, Norris, TN 37828
- 3) North Carolina area: September 5, 1987, Boone, NC
Coordinator: Dottie Spencer
P.O. Box 589, Boone, NC 28607
Coordinator: Bernie Smith
1317 Dayton St., Greensboro, NC 27407
- 4) West Virginia area: August 1, 1987, Winterplace
Coordinator: Robert W. Bodamer
114 Columbus St.
South Point, OH 45680

Contact coordinator for time and place and to register.

John M. Chandler, MD, Acting WEC Supervisor

ADDRESS CHANGE

E. B. Fox, Appalachian Patrol Director
9607 Fairmead Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28213

Appalachian

Appalachian's 25th Anniversary Season has been a good one. After beginning the season with 8 candidates, we now have 7 new patrollers. New basic patrollers are Mike Fletcher, Gordon Sox, and Oscar Knight; New juniors are Helen Calhoun, Luke Turner, Jeff Harding, and Joseph Donadio. Speaking of juniors, we are extremely proud that 2 of our juniors, Tommy Clabough and Helen Calhoun, won trips to the National Junior Training Seminar at Bogus Basin, Idaho. Out of approximately 150 of the top juniors nationwide, both Tommy and Helen finished in the top 25. A super effort.

Our patrollers were busy both on and off the snow this year, as five of our group walked down the aisles of marriage. Congratulations are in order for Alan Lakin, Ben Fox, Richard Sanders, Ricky Laws, and Mike Fortner. Condolences to the new Ski Patrol Widows...

Special thanks are due to several of our group, Blake Brown, Division Testing Advisor, was so busy we didn't get to see him as much as we would have liked. Blake is the proud owner of a new anterior cruciate ligament, and we all wish him a speedy recovery. Tony Ray, Region Testing Advisor, was also gone testing and clinicing at other areas most of the season. From the comments I have heard from other patrol directors, I know that everyone appreciates Tony's efforts in this rather thankless position. Last but certainly not least, this year Dottie Spencer served as Assistant Patrol Leader, Division Historian, Region First Aid Advisor, and Region P.R. Advisor, all while attending nursing school full-time and working professional at the mountain. My hat's off to you, Dottie, and I promise, no more Mercedes jokes.

E.B. Fox, Patrol Dir.

Beech Mountain

Beech Mountain skied 10,000 more skiers over previous year with 40 less accidents. I hope the trend continues.

The expansion and new lift on the backside of the mountain has begun. The old orange lift is being replaced by a high-speed, detachable quad.

Look for our new patrol room next year.

Pete Chamberlin

Hawksnest

Our patrollers continue outstanding tradition! Hawksnest brought back two Outstanding Individual Awards from the 1987 Southern Division Spring Convention, continuing a recent tradition of "outstanding" recognition. Assistant Patrol Director Howard Tilley received the "Outstanding Patroller" Award, making this the third consecutive season that a Hawksnest Patroller has earned that honor. Howard earned the award by patrolling every weekend this season, participating in numerous training clinics, tests, and fund-raising events, and doing an exemplary job as the Blue Ridge Region Training Advisor. Harry Stowe was awarded the first "Mary K. Twomey Outstanding Auxiliary Award". Harry garnered the honor by volunteering countless hours both at Hawksnest and as the Division FED Manager, and by procuring truckloads of surplus military supplies for the Division. We are indeed proud and fortunate to have such hard-working individuals on our patrol.

Hawksnest Ski Patrol had a long, busy, and productive season this year, running 93 days long. Volunteers worked 14 weekends and 5 midweek holiday days, as well as several weekdays and "Nighthawk" sessions (11 pm to 5 am). Hawksnest patrollers (volunteer and professional) worked 329 accidents this season with great proficiency and successful results.



HARRY STOWE
Outstanding Auxiliary

Hawksnest Continued

The ski area expanded this season with a new 1,200-foot intermediate slope and an expanded and relocated lift. As a result, skier traffic increased to a record level this season with roughly 56,000 skiers patronizing Ski Hawksnest. Management responded with many operational improvements including a new first aid room for the patrol and implementation of a reckless skier policy. The patrol took on seven new candidates this season, including three Junior candidates. Three candidates passed written NSPS first-aid and administrative tests as well as a practical first aid test to upgrade their status to Auxiliary. Three returning candidates passed their Basic test this season (candidates must serve one full season as candidates before becoming eligible for Patroller status at Hawksnest).

The patrol's growth this season, both in numbers and in level of effort, has met the challenge of the growing size of the area, increased skier traffic, and of the increased demands placed on the ski patrol (safety, risk management, etc.). We averaged 17 volunteer patrollers per weekend day and 11 volunteers per weekend night this season, a record participation level. Eighteen patrollers put in more than the required number of days and nights this season and nine had 100% compliance with a duty schedule put together at our Fall On-the-Hill Refresher.

A sizeable contingent of volunteers came to Hawksnest in November to participate in our annual Work Day, enabling Hawksnest to open the season fully prepared and at reduced (labor) cost. Our rapport with management is excellent.

Hawksnest patrollers provided 90% of the effort involved in the 1986 Triad Ski Swap in Greensboro, which raised \$2,200.00 for the Division Junior program, a 50% increase over last year's total.

Hawksnest had a 74% success rate with the On-the-Hill Ski and Toboggan Refresher this season, with an additional 22% being passed on a portion of the refresher, for an overall 96% participation rate.

The patrol made a substantial contribution to ski safety at Hawksnest this season by devising a Reckless Skier policy and Ski Safety Program for the area. Management accepted the policy and program without change and began implementation immediately. Hawksnest patrollers accepted their new responsibility without resistance and began implementing the policy very effectively. The entire patrol participated in "Excuse Me, Please" role playing.

Hawksnest patrollers participated extensively in Section, Region, and Division meetings and training events this season. In addition, Hawksnest supplied the BR Region Training Advisor, Howard Tilley, and the Grandfather Section Training Advisor, Mike Simmons. We also hosted the 1987 Division Junior Training Seminar and the BR Region Test Examiners Clinic and Senior Candidates Clinic. This season, Hawksnest test examiners participated in three Basic tests, one Senior test, and one Certified test, totaling 14 examiner-days of effort.

All in all, it was a great season! We are already looking forward to next season with more expansion plans brewing. Hawksnest welcomes visiting patrollers, so don't be a stranger!

Mark Taylor, Patrol Dir.



HOWARD TILLEY
Outstanding Patroller

Renegade

The season was very short for us this year, but we did have four candidates advance to auxiliary and nine people took basic avalanche.

Peggy Johnson (Cert. Respiratory Therapy Tech.), is the manager of National Medical Home Care, Knoxville branch office. She donated two aluminum 'E' oxygen cylinders and a regulator to our patrol through Tim Henion (director of the Respiratory Therapy program at Roane State Community College). Our thanks to these people for their support.

Renegade Resort is no longer, it is now known as Cumberland Gardens. The skiing operation may be called Cumberland Mountain, more on that later.

Our annual party will be May 30th at the Riser Estate on beautiful Watts Bar Lake. For more information, contact Susan Hastings at 615-432-4942 (H) or 615-668-6448 (W).

I would like to say thank you to all the people in the patrol, section, region, and division that have helped our patrol and myself. Everyone have a safe summer.

Brad Smallen

Snowshoe

Lift evacs., Med evacs., and strained backs, Safe on Skis, Movie Stars and ten hour days...How does over 1,000 accidents in 130 days with 260,000 plus skiers sound to you? Maybe you guessed a resort out west- Well you were almost right. Greeting from Snowshoe Mtn. Resort, West Virginia.

With 12 full-time and 2 part-time patrollers this season we just could not have done it without the help of the NSPS volunteers. Special thanks to folks like Cloyd and Scott who ventured up from Oak Ridge, TN every weekend. The Daltons, The Vincents and "The Weirton Crew" our hats off to you.

Between patrolling on skis and skiing on patrol we managed to test and train almost every weekend. Special thanks to Alan and Neal our training coordinators, to David Lilly of Vail/Beaver Creek for helping with the Certified exam and to our General Manager Danny Seme for running the Patrol while we were out becoming Certified. Congratulations to Dan Talbot, Patrol Director and newest Certified Patroller.

Thanks again go out to the fastest snowmakers in the Southeast who made our Spring skiing last into April...Well the sun's shining and the bumps are great, get in your Spring skiing here before it's too late.

Snowshoe Ski Patrol

NATIONAL APPOINTMENT

Congratulations to Division Training Advisor, Neil Booth, on receiving a National Appointment at the Southern Division's Spring Convention on April 25th.

Sugar Mountain

The patrol had an excellent season! We had a super refresher on Saturday and a full lift evacuation on Sunday. The new On-the-Hill refresher program was well received with good attitudes and involvement by everyone. We hosted the Regional NSPS Ski Skill Training Session and a Circle A Course. Two unusual activities were a Safe Skier Reward Program conducted in conjunction with Hershey Inc. and a Ski Fashion Fund-raiser co-hosted with the Mountain Times.

About 15 brave (or dumb) Sugar Mountain Patrollers conducted a practice night lift evacuation on Saturday, February 7, starting about 11:00 p.m. Matters were complicated by cold, 70 ft. high chairs, rough terrain and drifts up to 2 ft. deep, but we learned several valuable lessons.

Our relations with management were excellent. Gunther hosted a Patrol Appreciation Party for all patrollers. As a bonus to a wonderful season, we re-opened on April 4, 5, and 6 for three days of great skiing.

Congratulations to Norris Woody who has been named National Sales Manager for Casa Bique.

The Grandfather Section Refresher will be held at Sugar Mountain on October 3 and 4 beginning at 8:00 a.m. SHARP.

Ernie Whitener

Wolf Laurel

The '86-'87 season at "The Wolf" started with a nice brisk hike up Mt. Hardy in the Pisgah Forest for our (M) course. Completing the course with me were Phil Critcher and Tim Asbury, led by our fearless PL, Steve Waldrep.

Our candidate training officers for the season were Ted Aslund and his trusty assistant John Roberts. They led our wide-eyed candidates through their paces in the five month quest for their rust and blue parkas. Their efforts resulted in two new patrollers for our patrol family. Congratulations to Chris Wilde and Alex Filiss. Thanks Ted and John for a job well done.

Thanks to Ron Geist for venturing here in January. Because of your efforts twelve of our patrollers now proudly wear the (A) on their parkas.

Congratulations are in order for Tony Creasman on becoming a Certified First Aid Tester. Take it easy on us Tony!

The weekend of February 14th and 15th was a big one for us. Saturday we gave our basic test and hosted the Senior Administrative First Aid Tests which were followed on Sunday by the Senior Ski Test. Senior candidates from Beech, Cataloochee, Renegade and Wolf Laurel participated in the two-day affair. Congratulations to our new Senior Patrollers: Jamie Piercy, Tim Asbury, and Wayne Morgan.

On Saturday night after the basic test, as is the tradition, we had our annual patrol party and elections. The new patrollers were welcomed into the patrol family as were the honored guests. Serving the patrol will be Steve Waldrep (PL), Wayne Morgan (APL) and Sherry Smeuzey (Sect./Treas.). The covered dish supper was held at The Inn (thanks to management) and was enjoyed by all, and by some, a little too much, right Mike?

We skied until the first of March, leaving many looking forward to next season and a few waxing for a little R&R in Utah!

Wayne Morgan, Asst. PL

THE CERTIFIED PROGRAM— IT IS FOR YOU!

The certified membership has expressed their concern that while the certified program is an excellent source for training within the division, it is a largely misunderstood and untapped resource. We must work to help patrollers, patrol leaders, and mountain managers understand the program not as a club for hot shot skiers, but rather an unparalleled chance to heighten the patroller's awareness of the diverse group of knowledge and techniques which make up ski patrolling.

The certified program is a unique opportunity. It works at a level where even a very seasoned patroller is able to gain new insights and information, while having full opportunity to share his own knowledge as well. Many of the most knowledgeable technicians in our division as well as the elite of other divisions are available to participate. Through this opportunity the patroller gains not only better skills, but a much broader awareness of patrolling and how it can best meet the diverse needs of the ski industry.

We feel that the true benefit which the program offers the division is the long range affect of this sharing between our best patrollers and those of other divisions. These improved skills and awareness will filter down into the ranks of our Basic and Senior membership through improved training. This affect has already been felt strongly within the Skyline Region where the Certified Program has been a strong influence for many years.

What exactly is the program? It is designed as a performance driven clinic (to borrow a term from the new WFAC). Through the guidance of the candidate handbook and the help of certified patrollers, especially at the regional certified clinic, the candidate learns what skills and knowledge he needs to develop and how he might go about this process. At the end of the season he participates in a 10 station evaluation where he is given the chance to demonstrate his abilities and is exposed to other patrollers and their approaches. Most candidates take 2 or even 3 years to gain mastery of the entire program (the candidate is not reevaluated at those stations at which he has shown mastery within his current three year cycle). The stations are:

1. A 100 question objective First Aid test.
2. An essay First Aid test.
3. Practical First Aid problems where the candidate works as a member of a team of patrollers.
4. A by-stander First Aid problem where the candidate administers First Aid with the help of untrained people.
5. An unconscious skier First Aid problem where the candidate administers First Aid to an unconscious skier.
6. Lift Evacuation where the patroller demonstrates knowledge of lift evacuation including belaying a skier from a lift.
7. Hill Safety interview where the patroller discusses various issues pertaining to slope safety and maintenance including risk management, grooming, snow making, and lift operations.
8. Management interview where the patroller discusses the management of a patrol including personnel, budget, and overall resort relations.
9. Skiing evaluation where the patroller demonstrated his proficiency in skiing in mogels, on the steep and with equipment as well as his ability to snowplow, sideslip, and do transitions.
10. Sled handling evaluation where the patroller demonstrates his proficiency in handling an empty sled as well as loaded sled.

Perhaps a more appropriate question is who is the program? Currently the program includes 4 current patrol directors, 5 former patrol directors, 4 patrol trainers, 1 regional director, 1 regional training advisor, 1 regional testing advisor, 3 divisional advisors, and 2 persons in mountain management, not to mention the people who visit our program from other division programs.

I can not speak too highly of the program and what it has done for me as a patroller. Stop and consider if you or someone you know should be involved. Please give yourself or your friend some encouragement and contact one of the following people:

BRANDON DEANE, Chairman 804-293-2694 RICK MILLER, Skyline 804-325-1042
STEVE BENBOW, Blue Ridge 919-282-0494 DOUG SLOAN, Dixie 615-645-1308

SOUTHERN DIVISION CERTIFIED TEST

The Southern Division Certified Test was held this year on March 20, 21, and 22. Thanks to Snowshoe Mountain Manager Danny Seme and Safety Services Director Jim Haas for sponsoring the exam. I also appreciate Neil Reiburg and Doug Sloan's efforts in organizing portions of the test. Other members participating in this year's test were Steve Benbow, Brandon Deane, David Lilly, Rick Miller, and Doug Molyneaux.

Congratulations to Dan Talbott and Lynn Pace who both completed their certifications. Brandon Deane, David "Dink" Lilly, Doug Sloan and Steve Benbow successfully completed their recertification (a three year requirement).

The certified program also held its first annual committee meeting that Saturday night. Among the topics discussed were:

- the need to get more people involved in the program,
- work toward developing by-laws,
- update the current candidate handbook which we adopted from the Eastern Division Certified Program 9 years ago,
- develop more formal guidelines as to the goals and objectives for each curriculum area,
- changes in the examination process for lift evacuation, sled handling, and an unconscious victim problem,
- upgrade the clinic opportunities in each region of the division.

Brandon Deane, Certified Adv.

CANADIAN COMFORT



If you are as tired as I am of winter-long bruises across your thighs—the result of carrying toboggans uphill *in your lap*—here's welcome news from our Canadian neighbors. A carrier, easy to make, easier to use, and best of all, easy on you!

On a skiing trip in March to the Canadian Rockies, I spent part of the time Skiing Louise—twin peaks which are just-over-there-from and look down at the magnificent glacier-fed Lake Louise, only one of the truly awesome sights in Banff National Park.

Another sight there which caught my eye, and interest, was toboggans riding up the lift, held in place by metal holders. My legs jumped with joy—and circulation.

The Canadian patrollers were shocked to learn that, at a number of our ski areas, we still used a manual carry. Eager to help us out of our archaic ways, Skiing Louise PL Bruce McLean had his assistant PL Doug Yarwood take pictures for me, showing all aspects of their toboggan carrier:

With a slight assist from a lift operator, it hooks the sled in place on the seat next to a patroller, and up they go. Removed at the top of the lift, it is looped over the back of a chair for the return trip. At Louise, several of these carriers are stacked at the bottom of each lift, ready for use. The cost? Cheap. Made by the maintenance department from scrap metal. Interested? For more information, contact me.

Benning Garrison, Easily bruised PR Adv.

SKI & TOBOGGAN TRAINING ANNUAL ON-THE-HILL REFRESHER

If you recall from my last article, I gave everyone a challenge. Remember what it was! In case you forgot, it was two-fold. One, to have fun training and two, to work on one area you need to correct or perfect. Well, did you accept my challenge? For those I have spoken to, it appears you did. There was some concern regarding the on-the-hill refreshers as the season began. Like any new program, there were several problems which had to be worked out and were worked out. If you feel differently, let me know so we can correct them.

Your Regional Training Advisors Rick Miller, Skyline; Ed Saleem, Dixie; Howard Tilley, Blue Ridge in my opinion did a super job and are to be commended. The focus for this years' Regional Clinics were to train patrol trainers who could take the programs back to each patrol. This will not be accomplished in one year or two. It takes time to develop sound training programs. If anyone has any suggestive input, please let me know. We always need to improve.

Did anyone have any success utilizing the Southern Division Training Manuals? There will be some minor changes made and distributed at the Fall Officers meeting. If you feel there are areas that need changes or editions, now is the time to let me know. Remember, this is *your* training manual and input should come from you.

The Southern Division made great progress in ski training this season. Next year, we will focus more on toboggan handling. Who knows, we may even have good snow and cold weather next season!

Rick, Ed, Howard and myself had fun working with the Division and look forward to continued work next season. In addition to having fun, all four of us learned several new skills. I guess you could say we accepted the challenge! Again, we hope you did too!

Have a good summer and look forward to seeing you next season.

Neil A. Booth, Training Adv.

TIME TO RECRUIT

Does your ski club put on special summer trips for its members? Does it meet during the off season? If so, this is the time to act. Spring and summer are perfect times to start looking around for prospective ski patrollers. And since everybody likes handouts that they can take home and read later, you'll want some recruiting pamphlets to give out. We still have a few (1800) in stock, and I'll be happy to send you some. All you need is write me at 756 Lancaster Rd., Augusta, GA 30909, and I'll send some in the return mail.

Benning Garrison, Public Relations Adv.

ALUMNI

Thanks to everyone for giving me leads. We have several new members of the Alumni Association, which is great! It is so important that we keep in touch with all our past patrollers. We want to let them know what their division is doing.

It's good to have people like Cliff Amundsen, one of our first Alumni; he is still on our list. Cliff was an active patroller when we were still a section of the Eastern Division in the early 1960s. Thanks, Cliff, and the many others who are still Alumni...we need you.

We had a 30% membership increase last year. Let's keep up the good work.

David P. Dillard

WINTER EMERGENCY CARE COURSE - NSPS

During the midwinter meeting in February 1987 the NSPS Board of Directors voted unanimously to proceed with implementation of the Winter Emergency Care Course developed by the NSPS. This is a major step in the upgrading and consolidation of our first aid training. The curriculum of the WEC course will be the standard for ski patrol first aid training. This will help to reduce the confusion of the past where several sources were used and all too many times there were discrepancies in the various sources. While the course curriculum is the ultimate authority it continues to reference the AAOS Emergency Care and Transport, Winter Emergency Care, and American Red Cross First Aid manuals. The 6th edition of the WEC curriculum will be available to patrollers this spring. It is the result of two years work by the NSPS and has been field trialed by more than four thousand ski patrollers whose response has been very positive. The 6th edition has been revised to meet the needs and the criticisms following review of the field trials in 1986.

This spring and summer the current ARC instructors in the Southern Division will be upgraded to WEC instructors during a work session by WEC instructor trainers. We hope to have at least three or four of these sessions at various locations in the Division at various times. To continue to be an NSPS instructor in first aid current ARC advanced first aid instructors will need to update. All interested ARC advanced first aid instructors need to send their name and address to the WEC Supervisor or to John Chandler, M.D.

John Chandler, MC
WEC Program Advisory Committee
28 Midway St.
Bristol, TN 37620

THE RIGHT STUFF

The way to get more publicity for our organization is for everyone to pitch in. That's just what Mary Underwood did, following the Division Junior Jamboree. She saw to it that an article and a picture of the four top finishers appeared in the Oak Ridge, TN, newspaper. They included, in order of finish, three Oak Ridgers: Scott Ghorrmley, Snowshoe; Doug Underwood and Scot Marland, both Ober Gatlinburg; and Tommy Clabough from Boone, NC. All four were sent by the division to the National competition at Bogus Basin in Idaho.

Benning Garrison, Public Relations Adv.

NEEDED: Pictures, Pictures, Pictures!

(Division Archivist News)

The 1986-87 Division Scrapbook contains 100 pages. I need everyone's assistance in filling them. If any patrollers, patrol directors, section chiefs, advisors, etc., etc., have newspaper clippings, pictures or noteworthy materials of any type to submit to this year's book or any of the past scrapbooks, please pass them on to me this spring or summer.

Be sure to include dates, names, and locations with your pictures.

Thank you very much for all the pictures that have already been sent to me at this time.

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FROM THE D.D.

Hello again! I hope you all had a great summer. I'm constantly amazed at how fast time passes these days. It seems like yesterday since we were at the Spring Convention in Waynesboro.

However, since that time I've been to the National Annual Meeting in Colorado Springs, the Summer Executive Meeting, the Fall Officer's Meeting, the Fall Meeting of the SSAA and the NSAA Risk Management Seminar at Timberline.

The Annual Meeting was super and a lot was accomplished. We had the grand opening of our new national office building while there and it is most impressive. If you are ever in Denver be sure to go by. You'll be both very proud of it and very impressed. The national budget was again approved without an increase in national dues. We owe the directors and office staff a vote of appreciation for the great job that has been done over the past several years. Just a few short years ago, when Steve Over visited us in Greensboro, our organization was 92% dues driven. Last year it was 64%, and based on this year's approved budget, it will be 59%. This means we have been able to bring in enough money from outside sources to keep from having to raise your dues in spite of the fact that the budget has grown quite a bit.

We all were glad to see Tom and Sparkle Worley in Colorado Springs. As you know, Tom has been elected a Board Rep. for the Central Division. A lot of you will also remember Dick Thalaker, who was our Awards Advisor before Charles. He is now the Central Division Awards Advisor. Both Tom and Dick send their best to all of you.

This fall, National will publish several new training manuals. I've seen the drafts of most of them and they're very good. Be sure to get your copy of the following:

- (1) Awards Manual
- (2) New Patrol Director Manual
- (3) Avalanche Instructors Manual
- (4) Certified Manual

By this time next year we should have the new WEC Manual and the Toboggan Training Manual. The National Office now has an Education Director, Judy Bunce. This will make a big difference in keeping us well trained and knowledgeable in our jobs.

Both the Junior and Senior Programs are being studied by committees appointed by Marlen Guell, our National Chairman. Over the next few years we will probably see a lot of programs looked at to determine if they are operating properly and giving us the results and training they were intended to do.

Probably the most important item at the meeting was the wholehearted and unanimous support for the WEC Program. As you all know, it is now the official standard for the NSP. You will also be interested in the fact that the WEC course is being endorsed by more and more national organizations that specialize in health care and emergency medicine. I believe you are going to be proud to know that the NSP has produced such an outstanding course. Of course, we will have growing pains for a while but in the long run I believe we'll be a stronger and more professional organization because of this course. Remember our own John Chandler has worked long and hard to help make this course a reality. Jim Hunter has just been appointed our WEC Supervisor by the National Office. Let's all give Jim our support and help in this important job. Should you need Jim's help his address and telephone numbers are listed on the roster which is included in this issue of the *Southern Cross*.

Speaking of the roster, please look it over closely. You'll find several new names in both the Line and Advisor Organizations. Also some changes have been made in sections and placement of patrols within sections. Congratulations are due to the following new Section Chiefs and Patrol Leaders:

- Blake Brown Carolina Highlands Section Chief
- Randy Avery Smoky Mountain Section Chief
- Bill Warner Deep South Section Chief
- Glen Minuth Virginia Section Chief
- Jan Starr Allegheny Section Chief
- Bob Bodamer Blackwater Section Chief
- Mike May Mill Ridge P.L.
- Lee Wittman Hound Ears P.L.
- David Oakley Ober-Gatlinberg Pro P.L.
- Ian Nesbit Scaly Mountain P.L.
- Carroll Harris Wintergreen Vol. P.L.
- Kenny Hess Massanutten Pro P.L.
- Pat Mitchem Timberline Pro P.L.
- Evelyn Hutchinson Cranberry Nordic P.L.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 31 Silver Creek, Snowshoe and Timberline - First Aid Refresher at Snowshoe Resort, WV
- 31 Oct.-
1 Nov. Southeast Ski Show - Atlanta, GA

NOVEMBER

- 1 Silver Creek - On-The-Hill Refresher
Snowshoe - On-The-Hill Refresher
Timberline - On-The-Hill Refresher
- 7 Cataloochee - First Aid Refresher
Knoxville/Gatlinburg - First Aid Refresher
Scaly Mountain - First Aid Refresher
Wolf Laurel - First Aid Refresher
Massanutten - On-The-Hill Refresher
Wintergreen - On-The-Hill Refresher
Ski Hawks Nest - Work Day
- 8 Massanutten & Wintergreen - First Aid Refresher at Business School, Charlottesville, VA
Cataloochee - On-The-Hill Refresher
Ober-Gatlinburg - On-The-Hill Refresher
Scaly Mountain - On-The-Hill Refresher
Wolf Laurel - On-The-Hill Refresher
- 14 Carolina Highlands Section - First Aid Refresher at Beech Mountain, NC
- 15 Appalachian - On-The-Hill Refresher
- 20-22 Triad Ski Swap - Greensboro, NC
- 21 Atlanta - First Aid Refresher
Homestead - First Aid Refresher
- 21-22 VA Section - Circle A/M Course, Lake Monocon, VA
- 22 Atlanta - CPR Refresher
Homestead - On-The-Hill Refresher
Sky Valley - On-The-Hill Refresher

DECEMBER

- 5-6 Allegheny/Blackwater Section - Circle A/M Course at Snowshoe, WV
- 12 WEC I T Course - Appalachian Ski Mountain
- 19-20 Skyline - PSIA Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
- 20 Massanutten - Basic First Aid Exam

JANUARY

- 2 Senior Nordic Test - Ober-Gatlinburg
Massanutten - Candidate Ski Off
Wintergreen - Candidate Ski Off
- 3 Mid-Winter Executive Board Meeting, Beech Mountain, NC
Ski Hawks Next - Basic Skiing Test
Wintergreen - Basic First Aid Test and VA Section First Aid Clinic
- 5 Southern Cross Deadline
- 9-10 WEC Instructors' Clinic, Timberline Resort
Blue Ridge - PSIA Clinic at Ski Hawks Nest
Dixie - PSIA Clinic at Cataloochee

- 13-14 Dixie - Certified Test Clinic, Wolf Laurel
- 16-17 Dixie - Certified Test Clinic, Wolf Laurel
Skyline Skiing & Toboggan Clinic, Winterplace
- 23 Dixie - Senior Clinic, Wolf Laurel
Silver Creek - Basic First Aid Test
- 24 Skyline - Senior Examiners' Clinic, Massanutten
Cumberland Gardens - Basic Skiing Test
Silver Creek - Basic Skiing Test
- 30-31 Skyline - Certified Clinic at Wintergreen Resort
Southern Division Junior Seminar, Appalachian Ski Mtn.

FEBRUARY

- 5-7 Mountaineering Patch Course, Mtn. Rodgers, VA
- 6 VA Section - Senior First Aid Test, Wintergreen, VA
Dixie - Senior Clinic, Cataloochee, NC
- 7 Dixie - Senior Test, Cataloochee, NC
VA Section - Senior Skiing Test, Wintergreen, VA
Massanutten - Basic Skiing Test
- 13 Allegheny/Blackwater Senior Clinic at Snowshoe, WV
Ober-Gatlinburg - Basic Skiing Test
Scaly Mountain - Basic Skiing Test
Wolf Laurel - Basic Test
- 20 Wintergreen - Basic First Aid Test
- 20-21 Blue Ridge - Certified Clinic at Sugar Mountain
Nordic Basic Test, Elk River, WV
- 21 Appalachian Ski Mountain - Basic Skiing Test
Massanutten - Basic Skiing Test
- 27 Blue Ridge - Senior First Aid Test at Beech Mountain
Timberline - Basic First Aid Test
Winterplace - Basic First Aid Test
Great Smoky Mountain Nordic Basic Test in National Park if possible
Ober Gatlinburg otherwise
- 28 Blue Ridge - Senior Skiing Test at Beech Mountain
Timberline - Basic Skiing Test
Winterplace - Basic Skiing Test
- 28 Feb -
5 March Avalanche Patch Course - Location TBD

MARCH

- 5 Allegheny/Blackwater - Senior First Aid Test at Silver Creek, WV
- 6 Allegheny/Blackwater Senior Skiing Test at Snowshoe, WV
Sugar Mountain - Basic Skiing Test
- 6-11 National Junior Seminar - Lake Placid, NY
- 25-27 Southern Division - Certified Test at Snowshoe, WV

APRIL

- 30 Southern Division Spring Officers' Meeting, Gatlinburg, TN

FROM THE D.D. (Continued)

In the Advisor Organization the following are to be congratulated on their appointment as Division Advisors:

Sylvia Talley Archivist
Mary Underwood Auxiliary
Diana Bauer Fund Raising
Bobby Harbin Mountaineering
Jim Underwood Safety

The former Training Advisor is now known as the Proficiency Advisor. Neil Booth will continue in this capacity with the help of David Long, Division Testing Coordinator, and Ian Nesbit, Division Records Coordinator. All of the above people have taken on these jobs with the certain knowledge that it will take a lot of work and time to do the job properly. I expect each of us to cooperate and assist these people wherever possible.

The Fall Officer's Meeting was held on September 12th and 13th in Kingsport, TN and was enjoyed by all. I'm told the spouse tour was a great success and I know from personal experience that the progressive dinner that evening was wonderful. Attendance was good and the meeting place was excellent. One of the most important things we accomplished was the approval of the 1987-88 budget for the Division. The Executive Committee worked the best part of a day in early August on it and presented it to the Board of Directors at the FOM. After considerable discussion the Board decided to approve the expenses as shown and also decided that it was appropriate to increase the dues for the Division by two dollars. Your treasurer, Jim Underwood, has been doing a great job over the years and will continue to see that expenses are controlled and budgets met. You should feel comfortable in the fact that your division is in good shape financially.

The WEC Program was covered on Sunday by French Moore and Jim Hunter. As you know this is the first year that the program will be the basis of all refreshers nationwide. All of you have received your copy of the Ski Patroller Magazine. Inside this issue was the 1987 Refresher Study Guide. Please be certain to use this outline to prepare for your refresher this year. There is a fifty question exam included which is intended to be a "cobweb shaker". It is designed to be open book and there is no pass/fail status. This exam is to be answered and brought to your own individual refresher that you attend this fall. By following this outline you will be much better prepared for the instruction you will receive at the refreshers.

Be sure to look over the Calendar of Events listed in this issue of the *Southern Cross*. We have attempted to get everything squared away but we know that errors will occur. Let Doug Carlberg know if you need to correct anything or add anything. Corrections and additions will appear in the next issue.

Of course, there was much more covered at the FOM but that should be covered in other articles included in this issue and by communications from your own patrol leader.

I'm looking forward to an excellent ski season and hope all of you will have a great year. Susan and I are hoping to see as many of you as possible during the season. Let me know if I can help you in any way. As usual, think snow and happy skiing!

Farris Jackson
Division Director, Southern Division

ALUMNI NEWS

As the new season starts, it's good to reminisce about past seasons. Lynn and I had an opportunity to spend a few days with Carl and Shorty Lathrop in Seattle. We had many hours of conversation about ski patrol in the south. This typifies to me what the Alumni Association is about; getting together and reminiscing and keeping in touch with old friends...so, if you know of anybody we need to recruit, please pass the information along to me.

The new dues this year are \$15.00 per year and \$200.00 for lifetime membership. We have one brand-new lifetime member in the Alumni Association; more to follow about him.

Good skiing! See you on the hill.

David P. Dillard
Alumni Adv.

NEW WEC SUPERVISOR FOR THE SOUTHERN DIVISION

Jim Hunter a member of the Beech Mountain Ski Patrol has been appointed to the position of WINTER EMERGENCY CARE COURSE Supervisor for the Southern Division by the National Ski Patrol Winter Emergency Care Course Program Advisory Committee. Jim is a current ARC advanced first aid instructor, CPR instructor and has been involved with the EMT courses in his home town for many years. Jim will be responsible for the administration of WEC program in the Southern Division. Questions regarding courses, instructor training, and any problems that develop in the WEC program should be forwarded to Jim.

Congratulations and welcome aboard.

John M. Chandler, MD

SMOKY MOUNTAIN NORDIC

The Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol is proud to announce, after much time and effort, a new cross country ski trail designated in the National Park. Along with the Clingman's Dome Road, (a 14 mile round trip ski trail) we have added a 2 mile intermediate to advanced trail, which begins at the Oconoluftee overlook. The Smoky Mountain Nordic Ski Patrol has accepted the responsibility to maintain the new trail, as well as to patrol the area. If you would like further information on our nordic ski area, please drop me a line and experience the EAST TENNESSEE high country.

Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol
Andy Meacham - Dir.

NEW NATIONAL PATROLLERS

During the Fall Officers meeting in Kingsport, TN, three Southern Division patrollers were presented with National appointments:

Thomas L. Godwin is National Patroller #6753. A patroller for 17 years, Tommy has served the division as Smoky Mountain Section Chief; Fund Raising Advisor; PL at Sapphire Valley, when it was rejuvenated after several years of inactivity; and has worked on both the Knoxville and Atlanta National Conventions. His home patrol is Cataloochee. In his "free" time, Tonny is the Fuji Southeastern Regional Sales Manager.

Mark Taylor is National patroller #6843. Professionally a geotechnical consulting engineer, his volunteer positions in the NSPS during the past seven years include Past Mountaineering Advisor; assisting with the Division Junior Jamboree for several years and the National Jamboree, when we hosted it in West Virginia; Chairman of the Spring Meeting in Boone in 1986; Chairman of the Triad Ski Swap in Greensboro for the past four years. He's the current PL at Ski Hawksnest.

Cloyd Beasley is National Patroller #6859. Cloyd started patrolling 19 years ago; was PL at Renegade when it was still under Eastern Division; was made the first Junior Advisor for Southern Division and served as that from 1971-1975. He patrols at Snowshoe, where he works with Junior Patrollers, and is a senior text examiner. A major interest in scouting helps in his constant search for new Juniors. Cloyd is a physicist at the Fusion Energy Division of the Oak Ridge (TN) National Laboratory. He found time last year, however, to put together Southern Division's pilot WEC course. His bride (of this past May), Mary, is the mother of Scot Wallace, last year's top Junior Patroller in the division, who has made a video WEC tape — see information of this film elsewhere in this issue.

Southern Division is proud to have these three new National Patrollers, and congratulates them all.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

OLYMPICS BOUND

When the Canadian Flyer takes off for Calgary next February, two Ober Gatlinburg patrollers will be on board. Not as tourists — as nordic patrollers, bound for the 1988 Olympic Games.

Lynn Pace and Ed Gassman are two of the three Americans chosen for this Olympic Nordic Ski Patrol. Of the twelve Americans who tried out for the positions at sessions in Alberta held last December and February, it's outstanding that two Southern Division patrollers made the team!

According to Lynn, Ed has already served on an Olympic patrol — at Lake Placid in 1980; on the alpine patrol. (At the time, Ed was patrolling in Eastern Division.) So why nordic this time? Lynn said, "Since Ed has already been on the alpine patrol, he asked to try out this time for the nordic. And he said he had a friend whom he thought could make it, so I got an invitation to the tryouts, too."

That was back in February; they had to wait until June before learning they both made the team. According to Lynn, they will be furnished skis, boots, poles and uniforms, as well as accommodations. "Facilities are limited in the town of Canmore, where the cross country events will be held," he said, so family members will have to watch the festivities back home on television, with the rest of us.

To these fine representatives of Southern Division, we wish good luck and bon voyage!

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

CERTIFIED

I am very excited about the program for the coming season. I do feel that our division has a very powerful resource in the certified program, and that its time has come.

We are planning to have a certified clinic in each of the regions. We feel that these clinics have greatest value if members from outside the region participate, so we will try to send at least two members from other regions to each clinic. I have not done the footwork to secure locations and dates for these, but we are looking at Gatlinburg/Wolf Laurel, Appalachian, and Wintergreen/Snowshoe. The exam and Annual Meeting is scheduled for Snowshoe on March 25, 26, and 27, 1988.

Lynn Pace and Doug Sloan are planning a battery of clinics for their region. Their proposal is for some covering patrol procedures (management, lift evac, and hill safety) and first aid before the snow arrives at Gatlinburg and for others covering skiing and sled handling in the winter at Wolf Laurel.

I feel that the leaders of each region (Reg Dir, Reg Testing, Reg Training) should be encouraged to attend the certified clinic in their region. This will serve three functions:

1. Give them a chance to attend a high level clinic where they can relax and be peer sharers, and not in charge as teachers.
2. Make them familiar with the program so that they might better know who in their region would benefit from participation.
3. Give them new prospective and ideas on basic and senior testing and training. Being acquainted with the next level gives great insight into these activities.

Our planned agenda covers practical first aid, the unconscious skier problem, hill safety, lift evacuation, snowplow and sideslip, and toboggan handling. The clinic will cover two days, unless this agenda is shortened. There will be a \$25.00 candidate fee which would be charged to participants in the clinic.

I have been working on several projects for the program with the help of Doug Molyneux, Lynn Pace and Doug Sloan:

Modifying the Existing Public Lift
Evacuation Examination

Creation of a New Unconscious
Skier Examination

Modification of the Certified Manual

Formalizing the Practical and
Bystander Scenarios

Working on the Content of the
Clinics

I have definitely enjoyed the summer (and getting used to living with Yankees!), and I hope that yours has been a good one as well.

Brandon Deane
Div. Certified Adv.

SKIING PROFICIENCY AND EXAMINERS NEWS

Several changes are beginning to unravel as the '87-'88 ski season begins. This year, any questions regarding skiing proficiency (formerly training) or skiing exams (formerly testing) can be directed to me. Assisting me in coordination of these efforts is Dave Long, Division Testing Coordinator. Dave is the central information source for all ski clinics and exams to be held throughout the Division. Are you unsure about a clinic or exam — call Dave and he will advise you of the time, date, location and other requirements. This season we will require two weeks advanced written registration for all clinics and exams. The actual pre-registration form will be sent to each Patrol Leader. *In order to participate in any clinic or exam, you must pre-register with Dave Long.* The registration form must be signed by your Patrol leader and received by Dave, two weeks before the actual event. No last minute shows! We need to plan so we can properly administer to you and the Division needs and ensure proper coverage for events. Again, two weeks pre-registration form received by Dave Long!

The following people are responsible for all ski proficiency. Your Region Proficiency Advisors are:

Rick Miller Skyline Region
Ed Saleem Dixie Region
Howard Tilley Blue Ridge Region

This year we will be holding Regional Professional Ski Instructors Association (PSIA) Clinics. One person from each Patrol should be present. We recommend the Patrol Training Officer or Patrol Leader. The clinics will be two days, designed to help Training Officers help their Patrols. Check the calendar of events for your clinic. Additionally, should any Patrollers desire to attend a PSIA clinic, please notify Dave Long. There will be a charge of \$15.00 per person, for one day, which will cover the cost of the PSIA Instructor. We need to have a minimum of 15 people per clinic to put one on. If you are interested, let Dave know no later than November 1, 1987. Once we know your desires, we will plan for instructors and advise you of actual dates. Once the date is set, we will need your \$15.00 which will be non-refundable. There is no charge for the Regional Clinics for Patrol Training Officers. The \$15.00 is only for Patrollers who desire to attend a separate clinic designed towards self improvement.

Next are the people responsible for administering ski and toboggan clinics, pre-test clinics and actual exams. In essence, everything involved in examination of Basic or Senior skills for advancement. The Region Chief Examiners are:

Brandon Deanne Skyline Region
Tony Ray Blue Ridge Region
Steve Waldrep Dixie Region

If anyone is interested in becoming an examiner, contact Dave Long or your Regional Chief Examiner. We will be holding a test examiners clinic in each Region to review the entire procedure. If you are a current examiner, Basic or Senior, you should plan on attending your Region Examiners Clinic this season as listed in the calendar.

In closing, I hope you remember my challenge from last season. While undergoing your annual ski and toboggan refresher, pick one area to improve. Those of you who did are now on your second challenge. Those who did not, now is a good time to start! If you are working on Basic, Senior or Certified, *train first, then test.* You will be surprised with your achievement!

Here's to a good season, a safe season, a fun season, a training season, a successful season! See you soon!

Neil A. Booth
Div. Proficiency Adv.

REGIONAL FIRST AID ADVISORS

New appointments were made in the following areas:

Skyline Greg Bradley
Blue Ridge Dottie Spencer
Dixie Ron Hamilton
Bobby Harbin

PATROL NEWS

Beech Mountain

This summer has been (and still is) a busy one at Beech Mtn. Resort. We have been undergoing a 1.5 million dollar expansion which includes a high-speed detachable quad chairlift that replaces the old number 5 chair from the Beech Tree Village to the summit. Also this summer we have added 20 additional acres of skiing on the backside with snowmaking and a chairlift. This new terrain is rated more difficult and is a great addition for our intermediate skiers. A long awaited improvement that has also been made this summer is the installing of lights to Try South. This should make night skiing at Beech more attractive than ever.

As a result of remodeling our chairlift, we no longer have a patrol room at Beech, and at this time, I still do not have a definite answer as to where our facility will be. We welcome visiting patrollers at Beech; however, we do ask that you call or write before you come to be sure we are not already covered to capacity. If you do come, don't be surprised to see us working out of tents.

Gil Adams, PL

Wolf Laurel

Some of you may have heard the rumor that Wolf Laurel has been sold. Our "rumor control officer" (this is known as a "dis-information officer" in the KGB) reports the following: The former owners of Wolf Laurel, Bald Mtn. Dev. Co., sold facilities and undeveloped land to Walnut Ventures, a resort development company. The ski area was not part of the sale. Negotiations have taken place all summer between the two entities to determine details of a lease or purchase of the area. Our information is there will be skiing.

Wolf Laurel will conduct a SEPARATE fall refresher this year to insure a smooth transition into WECC. John Roberts will provide Wolf Laurel patrollers 3 opportunities to update CPR during the month of October. Please call John at Mountaineering South for information on dates. The Wolf Laurel first aid refresher will be at the American Red Cross on Saturday, Nov. 7. Time will be 8:00 to 5:00. The on-the-hill will be at Wolf Laurel on Sunday, Nov. 8. Time will be 9:00 to 5:00.

SKYLINE REGION

We have reorganized this year into three sections. On the Western side Jan Starr will handle a new Allegheny Section including Silver Creek, Snowshoe and Winterplace. Bob Bodamer will have the Blackwater Section including Timberline, Elk River Nordic and Cranberry Nordic. For the Eastern side Glen Minuth has the Virginia section of Homestead, Massanutten and Wintergreen, replacing Pres Funkhauser who has departed for whiter pastures in Korea.

Again this year special emphasis will be given throughout the region to training and proficiency. We congratulate and welcome the 46 new patrollers who passed the Basic Test and our 12 new Senior Patrollers. Ski proficiency training under Richard Miller will include a variety of clinics including two conducted by PSIA instructors.

Brandon Dean will continue as Proficiency Testing Advisor and Greg Bradley will be First Advisor including responsibility for senior first aid testing.

We welcome 2 new patrol leaders for the coming season: Carrall Hanes at Wintergreen and Evelyn Hutcheson with the Cranberry Nordic Patrol.

A combined Circle A and Circle M course will be offered twice in the region this fall. An "East" side course will be held at Wintergreen Nov. 21-22 and a "West" side course at Snowshoe on Dec. 5-6. The fee for the combined courses, including text books and insignia is \$15.00. Pre-registration with payment is required 2 weeks in advance. Send registration and check (payable to Skyline Region NSPS) to: Doug Molyneux, c/o Wintergreen Ski Patrol, Wintergreen, VA 22958 -or- Jan Starr, Director Silver Creek Ski Patrol, P.O. Box 150, Slaty Fork, WV 26291.

Keith A. Arbow
Skyline Region Dir.

Snowshoe Ski Patrol

The Snowshoe Ski Patrollers will discover new trails and improvements of existing trails for the 1987-88 Ski Season. These additions and changes will make for safer skiing by dispersing skier flow away from crowded intersections and widening some narrow trail points. Our new trail, Greenway, flowing to the left of Powdermonkey from mid-section is designed to provide an additional intermediate trail to the bottom thus easing the congestion at one of our busiest intersections. Grabhammer, an expert slope originating off Ball Hooter has been widened and now joins with the bottom of Skip Jack our racing trail, with both trails extending to Wiffle Tree giving the more advanced skiers a separate trail to the bottom. The double switch back on our beginner trail Whistlepunk has also been widened.

Snowshoe extends its thanks to all of the NSPS Volunteers who helped make the 1986-87 season a success. Our sincere appreciation to Bob and Maria Bodamer. Bob is now the Section Chief of the new Blackwater Section in the ever expanding West Virginia area. Also thanks to the Silvercreek Patrol for being a great neighbor. Congratulations to Cloyd Beasley for receiving a National Appointment and adding two new patrollers to his household. Right, Mary and Scot?

Dan Talbot, P.L.

P.S. We still need "pro patrollers" for this season. Contact me at Snowshoe.

Mill Ridge

Off season has brought significant improvements to Carolina Highland's best little ski slope in the South. Management has doubled the size of the patrol room, supplied and equipped it professionally, and continues to give excellent support to our efforts. The lodge has doubled in size with improved facilities. Drainage improvements and a second rope tow will enhance conditions and skiers access. Mill Ridge continues to improve and expand. We need qualified candidates and patrollers. We welcome guest patrollers. Check us out!

Mike May, PL

WinterPlace

The resort is busy gearing up for our 5th season, following another successful year in 86/87.

Skier visits increased again last year, the fourth increase in as many seasons and 7% over the previous year. Even with more skiers, accidents on the slopes decreased by a whopping 30%!

The outlook for 87/88 is even brighter, with significant improvements in snowmaking and the addition of a new trail called TURKEY CHUTE.

Remember to mark your calendars for the First Aid Refresher on November 7th and 8th. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Ed Woodton, PL

PATROLLERS NEEDED

There is a shortage of professional patrollers in the Southern Division and there are many positions available. The following areas have openings for professional ski patrollers: Beech Mountain, Sugar Mountain, Wintergreen, Snowshoe, Silver Creek, Massanutten, Timberline, Winterplace and Homestead.

I will be glad to assist someone in obtaining a job at one of these areas. The position at Homestead includes benefits and Roy Smyth, who held this job the past two seasons will be glad to tell anyone who is interested what is involved with the job, or Peter Steinfatt, PL at 804-865-0556. If there are any questions about how to become a paid ski patroller, please contact me.

Gil Adams
Professional Adv.

The Homestead is offering \$350/week salary plus room and board for someone to be pro-patroller this season. If interested, contact Sepp Kober, Box K, Hot Springs, VA 24445, (703) 839-5079.

AIDS - PATROLLER PRECAUTIONS

AIDS or Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome was described in 1981 with the earliest cases diagnosed in the late 1970's. As of 1987 more than 28,000 cases have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control and it is estimated that more than 1,000,000 residents of the United States have been exposed. The facts known to date are that once the syndrome is diagnosed it is ultimately 100% fatal. The data suggest a latent period of seven to ten years in individuals who are positive for HIV or human immunodeficiency virus until the syndrome develops. To date there have been 4 cases of HIV infection in 2,400 health care workers followed after accidental needle stick. The risk of transmission of AIDS after exposure to blood is very low. Hepatitis B is approximately twenty times more infectious than the AIDS virus. Hepatitis B has a 10% mortality rate.

In the United States the risk factors for AIDS exposure has been in homosexual populations, intravenous drug users, factor therapy for hemophilia, and by transfusion of infected blood. The disease can be transmitted by heterosexual individuals though this mode of transmission is rare at present in the USA. Present blood banking techniques has greatly improved the safety of blood. Public awareness has reduced the transmission of the disease in high risk groups. Unfortunately the message has not been taken to heart in the young single population and public health officials expect a shift of increasing heterosexual transmission of the disease.

The AMA and CDC have released guidelines for health care workers to prevent exposure to potential infection. These guidelines simply call for protection of contact with bodily fluids especially blood in all individuals. This calls for gloves and additionally masks and goggles where splatter is possible. With these guidelines in mind patrollers should not expose themselves to blood without barrier protection. This simply means WEAR GLOVES WHEN BLEEDING IS PRESENT AT AN ACCIDENT SITE. It is recommended strongly that each patroller carry latex or plastic examination gloves in their pack and that patrol rooms have a box of disposable gloves readily available in the patrol room. When CRP is given the patroller is to use a pocket mask with a oneway valve. Masks and goggles are not necessary for patrollers since exposure to splatter is not likely. This is encountered primarily in dental and operative procedures. In summary the patroller is to treat any exposure to blood as if it were infected (even though this is very rare at present on the ski slopes). Patrollers are to use examination gloves when blood, saliva, or vomit is present at the accident scene. Pocket masks with oneway valves are to be used during CPR. The gloves are available through the National Ski Patrol catalogue and each patrol should order for this season. Pocket masks are available through the NSPS catalogue and medical supply stores and should be purchased by each patroller now.

John M. Chandler, MD
Southern Division Medical Advisor

WEC REFRESHER COURSE

WEC First Aid Cards to be issued at the Fall Refresher are now in the hands of Section Chiefs or Patrol Leaders. Any Refresher Coordinator not having them should contact your Section Chief or WEC Supervisor. There will be a \$3.00 carding fee for all cards issued this year. Cards issued to instructors and instructor trainers previously should be presented at the Fall Refresher and \$3.00 paid at that time. Patrols that are going to start a WEC course this year may sign on candidates with no prior first aid experience. They should contact the WEC Supervisor to obtain the order form and send this to National to obtain the training material. The cost for a WEC course will be \$15.00 per candidate. Material should be ordered for those persons having ARC or EMT cards in order for this to serve as a bridge course. The basic testing procedures will no longer require first aid testing for candidates holding WEC cards. Individual patrols may wish to review skills prior to requesting a basic test request.

This will be a new experience for all of us and we solicit input good and bad from all participants. Let your Patrol Leader, Candidate Training Leader, Section Chief know of your ideas and what you would like to see.

Jim Hunter
WEC Supervisor 99

NORDIC NOTES

At the end of last season we tried to put together a second Senior Test. There was a lot of interest but we couldn't pull together all the details. So, there will be an early Senior Test this year—now scheduled later in the season as required. Please contact Jim Reed or me for details.

Jim Reed is the new Assistant Division Nordic Advisor. He will take over as advisor next ski season. He is a Nordic Patroller with Great Smoky Mtn. Nordic.

A new Nordic candidate manual is being prepared. It is not available through National yet, but I can obtain the copies you need for training this season.

While you're watching the Winter Olympics on TV this winter from Calgary, perhaps you'll see two of Southern Division's finest—Lynn Pace and Ed Gassman. They will be patrolling the Nordic events. I believe only 3 or 4 were chosen from the entire U.S.

M. Triplett
Nordic Adv.

ASHEVILLE REFRESHERS

New arrangements are being made for Smoky Mountain refreshers. A CPR refresher will be provided Friday night, November 6th at the Red Cross building on Edgewood Drive off Merriman Avenue. It will start at 6:30 p.m.

The Wolf Laurel and Sapphire Valley patrols will hold their WEC refresher at the Red Cross building on November 7th starting promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Cataloochee and Scaly Mountain patrols will hold their WEC refresher November 7th at the Administration Building, AB Tech College, Victoria Road (off Biltmore Avenue) starting promptly at 8:00 a.m. To get there, exit off Route 40 at the Biltmore House exit, and follow the signs for AB Tech. On-the-hill refreshers will be held the following day, November 8th at the respective ski areas.

Anyone wishing to join us for these refreshers should call me (404-543-2447) for arrangements.

Randy Avery

WINTER EMERGENCY CARE MADE EASY

Each patrol will be responsible for Winter Emergency Care instruction for all of its patrol members. This is a major task and we have one aid that will assist every patrol.

A 20 minute video tape has been made that will cover some specific elements of the WEC Course. The tape covers: primary and secondary surveys, backboards, oxygen administration, shoulder dislocations and oral airways.

This will be of great benefit to all patrols now—to train existing patrols in WEC procedures; and in refreshers and to train new patrollers.

This tape can be obtained by sending \$6.00 to Scot Wallace, 102 Newell Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

AVALANCHE COURSES

In order to give all those who want or need the Basic Avalanche Course, Circle A, we would like to hold one or two courses in each region. Please contact Kevin Minix, Assistant Division Avalanche Advisor or me at least one month prior to the planned date to schedule a course and have an instructor assigned. Kevin's phone number is 703-387-1719.

The Southern Division will conduct an advanced avalanche course "Patch" this season. It is scheduled the week of February 27 through March 5, 1988. We are presently considering three locations: Montana, Colorado and California. In the past this has been a grrreat trip! It gives you the opportunity to expand your patrol knowledge and skills, as well as increase your own safety on the big mountains or in the backcountry. There will be a lot of skiing at different areas. Please call or write to let me know of your interest.

Ron Geist
Div. Avalanche Adv.

PRIZES...PHOTO CONTEST...PRIZES

Leroy Neimann types won't stand a chance in this contest. What we're looking for is clear, precise pictures, up close shots with fine detail—not impressions or fuzzy look alikes.

During a recent search for quality photography to be used in an advertisement, we found that, in all of the National Ski Patrol system, only one clear picture of suitable quality, which showed a patroller in NSPS uniform in action, was available. The photo was shot in Montana, and made available to us via the National Office in Denver.

We intended to remedy that situation for the future, by building up a library of patrol action shots which we intend to make available to all other divisions (with Southern Division credit, natch!). Prizes will be awarded in both color and black and white divisions; the requirements are the same for both: clear images, crisp details, sharp contrast but not super high contrast (for black and white), full, true colors (for that division). You shutter bugs out there know what I mean. Dust off your cameras; buy some new film. Once the season gets underway, start snapping.

Tommy Godwin, Cataloochee patroller who works for Fuji film company, has generously offered to send free film to anyone requesting it for use in this contest. His home address is 1587 Bussell Place, Norcross, GA, 30093.

The contest will run through February, giving plenty of time for good weather, good skiing and good photography. More details will be in the next issue of *Southern Cross*.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SOUTHERN DIVISION'S OWN MARY KAY TWOMEY

WHEREAS, The Southern Division, National Ski Patrol System desires to recognize the unique, timely, and unflinching dedication of Mary Kay Twomey, Patroller Number So-004-0029, and

WHEREAS, Mary Kay Twomey who did not ski, unselfishly served the Cataloochee Ski Patrol for nineteen years, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Twomey served the National Ski Patrol System as National Auxiliary Advisor from 1985 to 1987, and

WHEREAS, Mary Kay inspired two sons, John and Bob, to share her zeal and enthusiasm by also becoming patrollers, and

WHEREAS, She was always there to provide a sympathetic ear, assess injuries, render first aid, or just provide a reassuring smile, and

WHEREAS, Mary passed away on April 7, 1987, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Executive Committee of the Southern Division, National Ski Patrol System, that we express our heartfelt appreciation for Mary Kay Twomey's unflinching service to skiers and for the outstanding way in which she represented the National Ski Patrol System, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Division for all time and furthermore that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mary's son Robert (Bob) Twomey.

This the 12th day of September, 1987.

Farris Jackson, Division Director

TRIAD SKI SWAP

The annual fund-raising Triad Ski Swap and Sale will be held November 20-22 at Edelweiss Ski Haus in Greensboro, NC. Skiers throughout the Piedmont Triad (Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point) and nearby communities will be solicited to bring their used ski equipment and clothing to sell to other skiers from the general public. A small check-in fee for non-NSPS contributors will be charged and a sales commission of 15 percent will be contributed to the Southern Division Junior Program. Please help by doing the following things:

- Promote the Triad Ski Swap to skiers and particularly ski clubs in or near North Carolina;
- Send us in advance (or bring) your old *usable* ski equipment and clothing for sale along with your requested price (remember that 15% of the sales price will go to the Southern Division but that you (NSPS member) will not be charged a check-in fee);
- *Come help staff the Ski Swap*, even if only for a few hours! You may discover some excellent buys while you're there!

Please contact me as soon as possible if you think you can help so that I can plan properly and inform you of particular schedule details, procedures, etc. This has been a fun, productive, and rewarding venture in years past and should be even better this year.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Mary Taylor
Swap Coordinator
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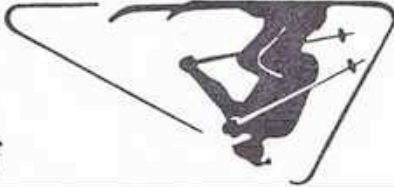
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FROM THE D.D.

Happy New Year! The 1987-88 ski season is here and everyone I've talked to is happy except for the fact that the last December weather has not been too cooperative. I understand some areas have been able to stay open every day since Thanksgiving, but that's certainly the exception.

I would like to remind all patrollers that this is our Golden Anniversary year for the National Ski Patrol System. There will be a lot going on this year that will be interesting for you all. Those of you that can should try to go to the Golden Anniversary National Celebration in Boston this June. The dates are June 23-25 and according to the advance information I've seen, it promises to be a great meeting and party. Why not take a vacation to that historic Boston area, see the sights and join us at the National Board Meeting.

In this issue of the Southern Cross you will find updated information on the Calendar of Events and the Division Roster. Be sure to make these changes on the calendar and roster you got in the last issue of the Southern Cross.

One important change you should note is that we have a new Virginia Section Chief, Eric Engelbrektsson, who lives in Arlington, VA, works at the Pentagon and makes his skiing home at Wintergreen. Everyone please welcome Eric when he visits your area.

According to all reports the Fall refreshers were outstanding. Certainly all the ones I attended were. Jim Hunter, our WEC Supervisor, tells me the evaluation reports you all filled out were overwhelmingly of a positive nature. There were many who commented that they liked the fact that there was much more hands on training. You will recall that the test given at the end of the day was to evaluate the success of the course and that there were no names on the tests. I was glad to see that the level of the test scores was considerably higher than the previous year. This is a good sign and indicates that we are at a higher level of skill than in the past. Our Winter Emergency Care Course continues to be recognized by more and more national organizations, and congratulations and thanks are due to the hard working people such as John Chandler, who put this fine course together. I know you are looking forward to seeing the new WEC manual which should be out by the Fall of 1988.

Speaking of manuals, all patrol leaders should have a copy of Section 500 of the Ski Patrollers Manual, which is the new awards section. Please note that all of the necessary award forms are in the back of the manual. When you need a form you are to photo copy the one in the manual. In addition, all patrol leaders should have a copy of Section 1300 of the Ski Patrollers Manual which deals with patrol management. This is the first edition of this section and it is very complete and should be most helpful to all patrol leaders, especially newly appointed PLs. I request that all division officers get a copy of this manual and become familiar with it. The final page of the manual is an evaluation sheet for your comments and suggestions. Please take the time to send in your thoughts. It will be appreciated by the people who have spent so much time and effort on this fine training aid. I take this opportunity to remind all PLS that all NSP Patrollers must be in the new uniform with appropriate badges this season.

Two important dates to remember this season are January 30, 31, which is the Division Junior Training Seminar, and April 30, which is our Spring Convention in Gatlinburg. Put these dates on your calendar and make your plans to attend. I understand that one area has 18 Juniors this year so this should be an outstanding seminar. Remember, the winner will go to Whiteface Mountain in Lake Placid, NY, for the National Seminar.

While we don't have the details of the Spring Convention in hand, you can be sure it will be great. It will be in Gatlinburg this year and you know that means fun. The spouses will love the shopping, ice skating and artificial turf skiing in addition to all the natural wonders of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Make your plans to be there. All officers and advisors are expected to be in attendance and we'd like to see as many patrollers and their families as possible. More information will be in the next Southern Cross. See you there!

We just held our Mid-Winter Executive Committee Meeting and heard reports from officers and advisors. You will be glad to know that their reports indicated we're off to a fine start for the season. There were only a few problems (opportunities?) discussed and hopefully solved. I urgently solicit your comments about our division. In order to make our division "all that it can be" we need your input. We can't always do each thing requested, but you will certainly be listened to and replied to by the appropriate person. Give us your help; afterall, the division is for all patrollers, not just a few.

Congratulations and all the best to Ed Gassman and Lynn Pace on their appointment to the Olympic Nordic Patrol at Calgary. We will all look forward to hearing of their experiences on their return.

I hope you will all get to look at the 1987-88 edition of the "Skiers' Southeastern Companion." This is a beautiful hardcover book that you will see in bookstores, ski shops and in a majority of rental accommodations at Southeastern ski areas. Pay particular attention to the article on ski safety on pages 8-10 and to our ad on page 9. In addition, our own Benning Garrison has written a great article beginning on page 56. She did such an excellent job with this article that the West Virginia Tourism Bureau has invited her to attend a Ski Writers Conference which will be held at Silver Creek at their expense. Just think, we can say we knew her before she became famous!

Have a great season and Susan and I look forward to seeing many of you before it is over.

Farris Jackson
Division Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 23 Dixie - Senior Clinic, Wolf Laurel
Silver Creek - Basic First Aid Test
- 24 Skyline - Senior First Aid Candidate Clinic,
Wintergreen Resort
Cumberland Gardens - Basic Skiing Test
Silvercreek - Basic Skiing Test
- 30-31 Skyline - Certified Candidate Clinic, Wintergreen
Resort
Southern Division Junior Seminar, Appalachian
Ski Mountain

FEBRUARY

- 5-7 Mountaineering Patch Course, Mt. Rodgers, VA
- 6 VA Section - Senior First Aid Test,
Wintergreen, VA
Dixie - Senior Clinic, Cataloochee, NC
- 7 Basic Test - Beech Mtn.
Dixie - Senior Test, Cataloochee, NC
VA Section - Senior Skiing Test, Wintergreen,
VA
- 12 Massanutten - Basic Skiing Test
Southern Cross Deadline
- 13 Allegheny/Blackwater Senior Clinic at
Snowshoe, WV
Ober-Gatlinburg - Basic Skiing Test
Scaly Mountain - Basic Skiing Test
Wolf Laurel - Basic Test
- 13-14 Basic First Aid, Wintergreen Resort
- 20-21 Blue Ridge - Certified Clinic at Sugar Mountain
Skyline - Certified Clinic at Snowshoe
Nordic Basic Test, Elk River, WV
- 21 Appalachian Ski Mountain - Basic Skiing Test
Massanutten - Basic Skiing Test
- 27 Blue Ridge - Senior First Aid Test, Beech
Mountain
Timberline - Basic First Aid Test
Winterplace - Basic First Aid Test
Great Smoky Mountain Nordic Basic Test in
National Park if possible, Ober-Gatlinburg
otherwise
- 28 Blue Ridge - Senior Skiing Test at Beech Mtn.
Timberline - Basic Skiing Test
Winterplace - Basic Skiing Test

MARCH

- 5 Avalanche Patch Course - Copper Mountain, CO
Allegheny/Blackwater - Senior First Aid Test,
Silver Creek, WV
- 6 Allegheny/Blackwater Senior Skiing Test,
Snowshoe, WV
Sugar Mountain - Basic Skiing Test
- 6-11 National Junior Seminar - Lake Placid, NY
- 25-27 Southern Division - Certified Test at Snowshoe,
WV

APRIL

- 4 Awards Applications Due to Advisor
- 10 Line/Advisor Reports Due
- 30 Southern Division Spring Officers' Meeting,
Gatlinburg, TN

AUGUST

- 30 Mid-Summer Executive Board Meeting

CONGRATULATIONS BILL & CARROLL

Bill Dunaway got his national appointment #6752 at the WEC refresher at Asheville this fall. Bill is a member of the Cataloochee Patrol and has served there for 17 years. He served in the Ski Patrol for the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid. He is on the board of directors of the Atlanta Ski Club and has been active in that organization for a number of years. He is president of Dunaway Drugs in Marietta, GA.

Being called to appear at the Pentagon isn't for everyone, but in December it was good news for Wintergreen PL Carroll Harris. Secretary of Defense, Frank Carlucci, presented the Navy Captain with the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Service Medal for superior mission accomplishment.

1987-88 OUTSTANDING AWARDS

We now have a new awards section "501A". The procedures for processing Outstanding awards for the 1987-88 season will differ from last year due to the new awards and forms. **READ THE INSTRUCTIONS VERY CAREFULLY.** There are many new awards and numerous changes in the requirements from the existing awards. It is therefore "a must" for those who submit award nominations to have a copy of the new awards section. There are copies of the new awards section "501A" being sent to all officers from the Patrol Director through Region Directors. These should be in their hands within the next two weeks.

Anyone who submits award nominations must copy from the new awards section the proper form and submit it on the new form, no old or past forms will be accepted, they will be returned. All awards are to be postmarked no later than April 4, 1988.

Again, it is a must that anyone submitting any award nominations read the new awards section. Please read and send to me by April 4, 1988. If I can be of any help, let me know and I will do what I can.

Charles T. Benbow
Division Awards Advisor

REGISTRATION REMINDERS

Please process patroller classification changes on the "Update and Classification Change Form" prior to the end of this ski season (April 2nd). This will assure that the registration cards will be current next season. These forms should be sent to Southern Division Coordinator, Jim Underwood. Send address changes directly to NSPS, Denver, utilizing the form in this news letter on page 7. Each patroller should do this as soon as they change their address.

RECKLESS SKIER POLICY

PLs—Please send a copy of your management approved "RECKLESS SKIER" POLICY TO:

Jim Underwood, Safety Advisor
109 Wildwood Drive
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

SKIING PROFICIENCY AND EXAMINING NEWS

The season is underway now and Rick Miller, Regional Proficiency Advisor, Skyline Region, has kicked it off with a PSIA Clinic at Snowshoe on December 19-20. The clinic was well attended and included both Training Officers and patrollers who attended for individual self improvement. The comments received have been extremely positive. Our compliments to Rick Miller! The next two clinics have excellent registered attendance too. Ed Saleem, Dixie, and Howard Tilley, Blue Ridge, are looking forward to productive workshops! We trust by season's end we will accomplish our training goals. If you feel we have neglected any areas, let me or your respective Proficiency Advisor know so we can improve down the slope. The most important part now is for those attendees to utilize what they have learned. Continue to practice your new skills and talk it up to other patrollers and suggest they attend a self improvement clinic. Everyone who has attended has had *fun* and *learned*! If you are interested in attending, contact your advisor or Dave Long, Division Testing Coordinator. It will be the best \$15 you ever spent!!

Again, your Region Proficiency Advisors are:
Rick Miller . . . Skyline Region
Howard Tilley . . . Blue Ridge Region
Ed Saleem . . . Dixie Region

The next topic of discussion is Ski and Toboggan (S & T) Exams. We are in the process of enhancing those procedures established by past advisors. As with any changes, there is liable to be some confusion. Do not let a question go unanswered! Ask myself, David Long or your Region Chief Examiners who are:

Brandon Deanne Skyline Region
Tony Ray Blue Ridge Region
Steve Waldrop Dixie Region

Ski and Toboggan (S & T) Clinics will be held by the time you read this. The single loudest cry we hear from everyone is exam consistency. This is our main goal for this season. You have all examiners' assurance this will be accomplished. However, we need all candidates, be it Basic or Senior, to help. Come to the exams fully prepared—trained! Everyone will be amazed at the results. Everyone will find the exams do strengthen their confidence or measure their vast improvements. Our goal is unchanged. TRAIN first, then TEST!!

Dave Long, your Division Testing Coordinator, is doing one excellent job coordinating and tracking clinics and exams. This obviously comes as a result of each patrol's cooperation and each advisorship's follow through. Everyone is to be commended to date. We continue to ask Patrol Leaders to pre-register candidates in advance of exams. Dave Long must have the "Test Authorization Form" in his hands two weeks prior to the actual exam. We also request participating patrollers to be responsible to your Patrol Leader for follow through. Remember your PL has many other responsibilities. We will not be able to accept your authorization form on exam day! We also ask PLs to notify Dave Long as far in advance as possible, dates desired for Basic Exams. Dave, through your Region Chief Examiners, must schedule Examiners to be present. We all have busy schedules, hence the need for advance notice.

As always, I will close with several challenges to each of you:

Patrollers:

1. While participating in your annual on-the-hill S & T refresher, pick at least one area of skills to improve on this season.
2. Those attending PSIA Clinics, practice what you have learned.
3. Train first, then test.

Patrol Training Officers/Patrol Leaders:

1. Develop a working relationship with your area PSIA Instructors. See if you can have your Patrollers attend instructional classes of higher levels of skiing. Keep in mind, Instructors need to teach advanced levels if they hope to progress in teaching. The Ski Patrol provides them with the calibre of skier.
2. Train your candidates—then send them for the exam.

General Membership:

1. Let me hear from you on any and all S & T training or examining needs. Our staff can only administer to the needs if we hear about them.
2. We are looking for S & T Examiners. If interested, contact your P.L. who will advise our staff accordingly. We need your help!

Neil Booth
Division Proficiency Advisor

SOUTHERN DIV. FIRST WEC COURSE

On Saturday, August 29, 1987, ten new candidates met at Sky Valley to start the Southern Division's first full WEC Course. We were all strangers when we started, but the hard work and close associations brought us all together as a team by graduation on Dec. 6. In fact, one of the candidates was going to drop out, but the class persuaded him to continue with offers to "help him with his studies." And they did and he eventually graduated with the class.

The following are graduates of this first class:

SCALY MTN.	SKY VALLEY
Dick Boyer	Marianna Clemminshaw
Rick Ligeikis	Scott Chandler
Terri Sizemore	David Mills
Bob Thrasher	Bill Wood
Randy Young	CATALOOCHEE
	Melanie Wolford

The schedule for this course was approximately every second weekend all day Saturday and Sunday (sometimes evening sessions on Saturday) for a total of seven (7) weekends. The second Saturday we were fortunate to have as guest instructor two anatomy professors from Emory University; Dr. Barbara Brown, and Dr. Arthur English, to present the anatomy and physiology sections of the course. They were given the outline of what is required and both professors made interesting and informative presentations. They used props and human guinea pigs to make a difficult subject understandable to lay patrollers. My only regret is that the audio part of the video tape I made for the day didn't come out.

Between classes the candidates studied the reading assignments from the five manuals involved (Winter First Aid, 4th addition EMT, Advance ARC, Ski Patroller, CPR—New Calif. manual) and then completed the study questions from the Trainee Workbook. These written assignments were turned in at the beginning of class on Saturday so most of our time could be spent on practical hands-on work.

Mid-way through the course the students had a 142 question written exam plus an all day practical exam. This exam was very heavy in anatomy and physiology and its application to patrolling problems. Two students scored over 90%, three over 85%, and one over 83%. Since we said that a student had to get over 80% to pass, the other students were allowed to take the exam again a couple of weeks later; the lowest score the second time around was 88%. One of the visiting WEC Instructors who was judging the practical commented that these candidates performed the practical skills better than most patrollers he has seen at the refreshers. I AGREE!

I can truly say I'm proud of these first WEC graduates, not only because they all worked so hard, but because we also became a good working group who could work well with each other on practical first aid problems. By graduation we all became a real family. In fact, at graduation it was like the last day of summer camp—no one wanted to break up the classes. The class voted to purchase a class T shirt as a memento of their efforts. It is dark blue with orange letters that say "FIRST CLASS WEC" on the front and "WEC DO IT IN SNOW" on the back. They gave me a special shirt that said "WAMBLING WEC INSTRUCTOR"—a reference to my old alma mater.

After completing this course, I'm more convinced that this WEC program will greatly improve our first aid skills if each patroller will work with the attitude that here is a chance for me to be a true professional, but I need to do a little extra work if I want to earn that title. They say the teacher always learns and that was true for me. My skills are greatly improved because I taught this course and I'm happy with my first students and the NSPS for developing this outstanding course.

I would like to thank the following patrollers and WEC instructors who helped during the course and as judges at the practical exams; Dave Long, Bill Dunaway, Roger Bollinger, Jamie Bollinger, Sylvia Talley, Mike Chandler, Mark Randall, Ian Nesbitt and Chuck Latkoff.

At the end of the next WEC course our class would be glad to challenge them to a First Aid Jamboree!

Bill Warner
Deep South Section Chief
and WEC Instructor

MOUNTAINEERING PATCH COURSE 1987-1988

There will be an advanced Ski Mountaineering Patch Course February 5, 6, and 7, 1988 at Mount Rogers, VA. The classroom work will be held at the Abingdon-Washington County Lifesaving Crew Building, Park Street, Abingdon, VA. The classroom section will begin at 9 a.m. Friday morning February 5th. The field work will be Friday night through Sunday afternoon at Mount Rogers. All participants must pre-register using the form below with a signed recommendation from either their Patrol Leader or a Division Mountaineering Instructor. Send your application and course fee to Bobby Harbin by February 2nd, 1988. All information needed for the course will then be mailed to you.

This course is open to registered patrollers with Circle M and Circle A, Forest Service, Park Service and Rescue Squad personnel possessing the basic equipment (cross country skis and/or snow shoes required), knowledge, mental and physical stamina to take part in a survival type winter weekend. The course is also open to alumni of previous courses.

Course fee includes printed material to be mailed or handed out.

NSPS MEMBER (1ST TIME PARTICIPANTS) \$10.00
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

DATE _____

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DIVISION SKI MTN. INSTRUCTOR OR PATROL LEADER'S RECOMMENDATION: I HEREBY APPROVE AND COMMEND THE ABOVE PATROLLER AS CANDIDATE FOR THE ADVANCED SKI MOUNTAINEERING PATCH COURSE.

SIGNED _____

MAIL TO: BOBBY HARBIN, RT. 2, BOX 511, CARYVILLE, TN 37714

BLUE RIDGE REGION

I've got those Appalachian Mountain Boogie Blues as singer Mike Cross strums. Most of our mountain managers had this feeling over Christmas week as rain shut most of us down.

Spirit and winter returns, and happy skiers make all of us happy.

It's a real pleasure to read and see the spirit going into the weekly patrol letters. Appalachian Ski Mountain has a guest column writer each week. I encourage all patrols to start a weekly newsletter. It's a great way to communicate and even better—build rapport and desire to be patrolling with friends.

Please remember the testing registration procedure this year. Make sure your PL has registered you for tests you desire. Also make sure if you're a Junior that Steve Benbow knows you are coming to the Junior Seminar. Appalachian is looking forward to hosting the fun event.

Have a good season!

Pete Chamberlin
Blue Ridge R.D.

Steve Benbow
Junior Advisor

1988 JUNIOR SEMINARS

The Southern Division Junior Seminar will be held at Appalachian Ski Resort in Blowing Rock, NC on January 30 and 31. All Southern Division Juniors and Junior candidates should plan to attend. The seminar will consist of Written First Aid, Practical First Aid, Written Administrative, Skiing Skills, and Toboggan Skills. The top five Juniors will have their travel and registration expenses paid to attend the 1988 National Junior Training Seminar.

The 1988 National Junior Training Seminar will be held March 6-11 at Whiteface Mountain, Lake Placid, NY. We are planning to charter a bus from Greensboro, NC to Lake Placid; leaving Greensboro March 3 or 4 and returning on March 13 or 14. Anyone wishing to go to the National Junior Seminar should fill out a registration form (form in National Patroller Magazine) and contact me for transportation information. Adults are welcome, but the seminar will be limited and registration will be on a first come first serve basis.

SKYLINE REGION

The cold weather and skiing came early to the region (VA/WV) this year. In December two overnight Circle M/Circle A courses were held—a first step toward Senior classification. They were at Wintergreen and Snowshoe (where the trainees camped in a fresh snowfall). Thanks to Avalanche Instructor, Kevin Minnix, (both courses) and Circle M instructors Doug Molyneaux and Bob Bodamer.

All seven downhill patrols in the region have certified WEC instructors now. Our first patrol to complete a full basic WEC course is Wintergreen which carded 26 in January after completing more than a 60-hour program.

In West Virginia, Blackwater Section Chief, Bob Bodamer, reports a Nordic Training program at Cranberry and Elk River. We welcome Norman McKinnon as the new area manager at Timberline Ski Area.

In the Allegheny Section (also West Virginia), S.C. Jan Starr reports two WEC refreshers (Snowshoe/Silver Creek & Winterplace). A basic WEC course is underway. The section also hosted the Southern Division's first PSIA ski patrol training course for the season (December 19-20) with 22 participants. Thanks to region training advisor, Rick Miller, for directing the course with support of Snowshoe Ski School and Division Proficiency Advisor, Neil Booth. Snowshoe's award winning Safe On Skis program (SOS) has published a 30-question ski sense and safety test as a placemat for area restaurants.

In Virginia, Eric Engelbrektsson has replaced Glen Minneth as S.C. Massanutten PL Jack Shields will have heart surgery in January. There were two WEC refreshers (Wintergreen/Massanutten and Homestead). Congratulations to Dan Buono (Massanutten) on his recent award of a National Ski Patroller rank. Organization efforts are underway for a Shenandoah Nordic Patrol to service the Shenandoah cross country ski trails.

Regional First Aid WEC Advisor Greg Bradley is well along on the new Senior First Aid program, as well as providing assistance on basic first aid exams. Region Training Advisor Brandon Deane has scheduled two Senior Exams and clinics (January 9 at Wintergreen and February 13 at Snowshoe).

From early registration it appears the Skyline Region will again have a large number of Senior Candidates this year. We wish them well as they work on their patrolling, skiing and first aid skills of the Senior Program.

Keith A. Argor
Skyline R.D.

DEEP SOUTH SECTION

Our areas were open for a couple of days before year's end, but then got caught in the rainy warm-up. Hopefully the cold weather is finally coming so we can all get into full operation.

The first WEC Course in the Southern Division was successfully completed Dec. 6 and the Section has nine new potential auxiliaries. The patrols will now be working hard to get these nine plus three others from Sapphire to upgrade their skiing skills to be ready for the basic test Feb. 13, 1988.

After the refreshers, the Deep South Section had its first social—an opportunity for the patrollers in the section to meet each other and talk with their new Section Chief. It was a wine and cheese party held at Sky Valley with about 50 people present. In addition to the socializing, we had an opportunity to have a local reporter interview the Section Chief and the three area patrol leaders. The Clayton Tribune and Rabun Journal followed up with some good stories on the Ski Patrol and the local ski areas. My wife, Myrna, also obtained quite a few door prizes which were given to patrollers. All in all we felt it a fun time and hope to continue this tradition.

During the last year there were some problems between the Ski Patrol and Rabun EMS. Representatives of the EMS were invited to the Scaly and Sky Valley OTH Refreshers. During the refresher it was apparent that the EMS personnel had no understanding of the ski patrol which contributed to their attitude that we didn't know what we were doing. Their techniques were so different from ours and they couldn't understand the environment in which we worked. One of the Sky Valley patrollers made the point to them that our environment was like their trying to handle an accident in the middle of an interstate highway without the benefit of a policeman to control traffic. As a follow-up we volunteered to take some of the EMS personnel to the top of our hill and show them how an accident is handled on the slope. We also provided them with a copy of the NSPS WFA manual, and I loaned them the instructors guide of the WEC course so they can see the standard of skills the ski patrollers possess. When I went to pick up my instructor's guide, one of the EMT's said, "I'm impressed, do all patrollers know this material?" I said that this is the minimum level of skills allowed to wear the patroller jacket. They have their rules and we have ours, but at least there may be a different attitude on the part of the EMS toward the patrols.

May it snow buckets so the Deep South Section will have an outstanding ski year at our areas in 87/88.

Bill Warner, S.C.

PATROL NEWS

Hound Ears

Beech Mountain has signed on King Kong, Sugar has avalanche patrol on Sugar Top at 7 a.m., Hound Ears has brunch at 10:30.

Awright, awright, so we're not as big as everyone else. We're still organized and looking forward to a good year. It's a little hill, but it's popular with novices and beginning telemarkers, and with that combination we can have our hands full.

We have seven patrollers and five candidates to cover the hill on holidays, Fridays and weekends. Our candidates will be training with the Sugar patrol and the patrollers will be guest patrolling at Hawksnest some days. So we should stay busy.

Patrol leaders are Lee and Elaine Wittman, and patrollers are Bob Nicks, Mike Collins, Gail and Jamie Richard and Tom Dillon, all late of the Cascade Mountain patrol. Candidates are Ricky Smith, Elaine Hannah, Denise Harris, Larry Bost and Bob Bulla. The slope manager is Laura Carter.

We hope to see some of you during the year. Join us for skiing, if not for brunch.

Tom Dillon



Hound Ears Patrol left to right: Tom Dillon, Jamie Richard, Gail Richard, Bob Nicks, Elaine Hannah, Mike Collins, Elaine Wittman, Lee Wittman, Laura Carter.

Scaly Mountain Goes Hollywood (Sort Of...)

For those of you who recently saw the television movie "Foxfire," you may be interested in knowing that one of the scenes from the movie was shot right by the ski slope at Scaly Mountain. Owners Gene and Susan Head also appeared in the "concert" scene which was filmed in the area. Gene reports that he met and talked with John Denver, and even added to John's arrowhead collection. In return, John invited Gene to come out to Aspen so that they could go fishing.

Meanwhile, back on the slope, Scaly's snowmaking capacity has been doubled this year with the addition of two new snow guns, one of them being the new Boyne "super machine"—and Scaly presently owns the only one of its kind in the South.

Our patrol is especially excited about the four radios that we now own; and two patrollers have purchased individual radios as well. We can now communicate with ease both on and off the slope.

Sylvia Talley

Seven Devils



Mark & Ann Taylor made front page news in "People & Places"

Greensboro News & Record on December 31, 1987.

Wintergreen

The ski patrol started off the season with a picnic and awards ceremony at Lake Monican. While hot dogs and hamburgers were the order of the day, the patrol officers did manage to conduct a general business meeting. Pres Funkhouser turned the patrol leadership over to Carroll Harris, who appointed Lou Argow Asst. PL for administration and Bill Gibson Asst. PL for operations.

Senior certificates were presented to: Lou Argow, Greg Bradley, Eric Engelbrektsson, Charlie Freeman, Bill Gibson, Mike McGiffin and Melinda Souder. Lou Argow was awarded a certificate and plaque for being Wintergreen's most outstanding patroller for 1987. Yvonne Hilliard-Bradley was awarded the angel award for her unselfish contribution to the patrol as primary victim for all first aid testing and toboggan training.

In October Lou Argow held a WEC instructors course with 12 successfully completing from all over the Skyline Region. Sixteen of these instructors are on the Wintergreen Patrol. Our refresher was held November 6th and 7th with 126 patrollers attending. A most interesting and informative orthopedic presentation was given by Dr. Fred McGlynn. Dr. McGlynn is nationally known in the field of sports medicine and has developed a unique series of lectures, complete with slides, which are directly related to ski injuries.

December started off with the largest group of candidates ever at Wintergreen; 31. A complete WEC course has been taught by Greg Bradley and Brandon Deane, assisted by Tripp Blanton and George Allman. Seven complete weekends were devoted to this new WEC course. Candidate ski training started mid-December and is being headed up by Kathy Harris and Bill Gibson. We also have a large and active Junior program and plan on sending as many as possible to the Junior Jamboree.

Wintergreen is proud of its training program and our participation in Region and Division activities. We are looking forward to cold weather and a great season.

Wintergreen Volunteer Patrol

SHERPA RESCUE

A thirty year dream has taken my wife Elaine and I halfway around the world and found us hiking with a group of Australians in the Himalayas of Nepal. It was the third day since we landed at the Lukla airstrip. Our destination was Kala Pater, an 18,400 foot mountain that is six miles from Mt. Everest.

After two days of gentle trails and clear weather we were lulled into a false sense of well-being. The day was cloudy with light rain that became mixed with snow as the elevation increased. At mid-morning we were climbing a steep and slippery section of trail when we approached a group of distressed Sherpas. A young Sherpa woman (Mima Yangen Sherpa) was carrying an infant when they were pushed from the trail by a passing yak. They had tumbled down a steep cliff, but miraculously the child was unharmed. The fate of Mima was uncertain; some said she was dead. A crowd of Sherpas and trekkers were gathering, many theories were being developed, but nothing was happening and precious minutes were passing.

We made our commitment to become involved not knowing the extent of the adventure to come. John, our group leader, Maryanne, a fellow hiker, and Pasang, one of our Sherpa guides, offered their assistance. Pasang would help Elaine, John, and myself find our way down the cliff through a jungle of underbrush. Maryanne would stay trailside and attempt to obtain additional assistance.

We left all but one pack at the trail and filled the remaining pack with any item that would be useful in a rescue. Half way down the mountain we were horrified to find the woman being carried piggy back style by an incredibly strong porter. We could only speculate what damage was being done. The woman was laid on the trail among the mass confusion of hikers, porters, and yaks.

Our initial survey indicated lacerations to the head and leg. The bleeding was stopped and Elaine took the responsibility to complete a more thorough assessment. Her efforts were complicated by the language and cultural differences. To a Buddhist the head is a sacred part of the body that is not to be touched by a stranger. There was also the problem of explaining to a woman who didn't understand English that you wanted her to squeeze your hand. Mima's injuries included a possible broken clavicle, broken ribs, possible head and back damage as well as rigidity of the abdomen. Hypothermia and shock were also serious considerations. While Elaine tended to Mima I went off to build a litter. One hundred feet of cord didn't last long and I resorted to bits and pieces of string and shoe laces to hold the branches and tree limbs together. A passing hiker generously contributed a sleeping mat.

Mima was secured to the litter and immobilized with an assortment of belts and straps as well as cravats. A neck collar was improvised with a section of foam mat. Her head was stabilized with two rolls of toilet paper, two cravats, and duct tape.

The only possibility for medical assistance was in Mima's home village of Namche Bazaar. Namche consisted of 700 families and was a half day's hike away. A group of Sherpas agreed to assist in the carry. Nudu, one of our other guides, reached the accident scene and would also assist in our efforts. He spoke some English.

Our rescue team took off in a sprint down a steep and rocky trail that was made even more dangerous by the slippery mud. The translation of Sherpa is "tigers of the mountain" and these carriers were worthy of this title. We were traveling fast and we had all we could do to keep up and lunge for the litter when a carrier lost his footing. At one point a carrier convinced the others that it was Buddha's will that Mima would die. The carry was stopped, and we pleaded for continued help. We argued: what would the other Sherpas think of a porter letting flatlanders carry Mima home. Several more volunteers came forward and we were off and running. The truth is that we flatlanders could not have done the jobs ourselves.

We reached a river bed and John left to continue his responsibilities as group leader. Elaine, Maryanne, and Pasang went ahead in search of help.

One of the Sherpas crossed a swaying bridge and scampered up a steep trail that switched back many times as it crossed the face of a cliff. He would stop the oncoming traffic of porters and yaks as there would be no room to pass a litter on such a narrow trail.

As we waited, A French doctor happened along and learning of the problem raced to our assistance. With the help of a German hiker translating English into French I explained the situation. The doctor injected a painkiller, wished us luck, and continued on his way. I pinned the medical wrapper to Mima's clothing.

The climb was long and strenuous as the elevation rapidly increased. As I climbed I reflected on our Search and Rescue weekends spent with the National Ski Patrol on Mt. Rogers. The skills practiced in those sessions were now being put to the test.

Mima's condition continued to be reasonably stable considering the circumstances. We had wrapped her in a space blanket and she was able to retain the body heat. She was in great pain, but alert. Several hours later we reached her home only to learn that medical assistance was another two hours away at the Hillary clinic in Kunde. A Buddhist monk prayed upon Mima as family members and neighbors looked on in horror. Mima's father was an expedition guide and he provided a down sleeping bag and surplus stretcher. With the assistance of a yak herdsman we repackaged and secured the woman to the litter. A hot water bottle was placed in the sleeping bag.

By now I was wet, chilled, and exhausted. To continue would only slow down Mima's arrival at the clinic. A fresh group of twelve volunteers came forward and with last minute instructions they dashed off in the direction of Kunde. I attached a note to Mima's clothing explaining the circumstances of the accident.

I was invited into Mima's home and fed hot tea as I warmed next to a chimney-less fireplace. The monk was chanting his prayers as the women huddled in the corner crying. The accident afforded the opportunity to become intimately involved in a culture that has not changed in hundreds of years.

After reuniting with our group we resumed our hike into the Everest region. We would not learn of Mima's fate for nine more days. Our days were filled with indescribable views and fascinating events. After our visit to Kala Pater we detoured to Kunde hoping for good news. The clinic was a primitive stone building with a porch filled with people awaiting treatment. It was staffed by a husband and wife doctor team from Kentucky and they maintained a hectic schedule.

We were told that Mima was alive but "she was not out of the woods." The doctors were optimistic as substantial progress had been made since her arrival. The joy expressed by Mima as we entered her tiny room made all our efforts worthwhile. She was nursed and fed by a younger sister and the room was heated by a small fireplace. We drank tea together and left gifts of warm clothing as we departed. We were asked to visit her family upon our return to Namche.

A day later we made that visit. We were served an omelet breakfast as friends and family filled the small one room home. Today was to be a more cheerful gathering and the family history was shared with us. As we said our goodbyes Mima's father ceremoniously placed a silk scarf around our necks. It was market day in Namche and we made our way through the festive crowds of bartering Nepalese and Tibetan traders. We continued back to the Lukla airstrip for our flight back to Katmandu.

Our involvement in Mima's rescue gave us a rare opportunity to become personally involved in a remote and mystical culture. The skills used to complete the rescue are testimony to the effective training made available to us by our fellow members of the National Ski Patrol System. Elaine and I sincerely thank you.

Lee T. Wittmann

SHUTTER BUGS, ALERT!

In spite of all the rain so far this season, good snow and bright, sunshiny days are headed our way, so get your cameras ready.

In order to build up a library of patrol action photographs, suitable for use in publications, we're conducting a contest, open to all Southern Division patrollers. Picture requirements are simple: clear images, crisp details, sharp contrast.

We'll have both full color and black and white divisions, with first, second and third prizes in each. First prize in both categories: \$25. (That ought to buy a beer or two after skiing!)

Don't forget: Cataloochee patroller Tommy Godwin, who is southeastern regional sales manager for Fuji, has offered free film to anyone for this contest. Contact him at home: 1587 Bussell Place, Norcross, GA 30093.

Deadline for the contest is Monday, February 29. So, *leap* for your prize by taking pictures now. Mail entries to me. Take a lot, enter a lot; *win a lot!*

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Please remember to: Use your FCC call sign at least every thirty minutes when using Special Emergency frequencies; or at the end of a communication when using the radio frequencies. Post FCC license at the base station; or patrol room if a base station is not used. Use the Special Emergency frequencies for official use only—not personal use.

Technical notes: Do not allow the Henry CS-15B synthesized radio main battery to become totally discharged or missing for more than 24 hours because the secondary memory lithium battery will discharge, which is designed to last 24 hours max. This would in turn require replacement of the lithium battery and reprogramming.

During the off season months, recycle ni-cad battery powered radios once every two months leaving the radios in a fully charged state.

Rick Woodlee
Telecommunications Advisor

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

We still have lots of heavy duty strapping in various lengths. This would be useful in making lift control lines and blocking areas that should not be skied. We also have raingear (parkas, pants and ponchos). There are a few ensolite pads, seat belts (\$.50 each), waterproof fabric bags for sled use for blankets, splints, collars, etc.

Harry R. Stowe
F.E.D. Manager

SOUTHERN DIVISION FUND-RAISING

HELP!

Plans for the 1988 fund-raising efforts are underway, and we'll keep you posted as they progress.

But we need your immediate help in developing a complete mailing list. Please make a list of names, addresses and phone numbers of key contacts for:

- Local Ski Clubs (include NSPS rep at club)
- Local Ski Shops
- Special Friends of NSPS (i.e. manufacturers, suppliers, individuals, corporations, etc.)

Send me this list ASAP! Thank you.

dee-dee Bauer
7 Oak Hill Drive
Newnan, GA 30263

SAY CHEESE!!!

As your new Archivist—keeper of the scrapbook—I plan to feature each of the twenty-nine patrols in Southern Division this year. So . . . I need pictures, lots and lots of snapshots—of your entire patrol if possible, your officers, highlights of your patrol's season, etc. I also plan to feature each of our newly-appointed National Patrollers in a special section, as well as our Officers, Advisors, Regional Directors and Section Chiefs. But I need photos of each person, so do send me your favorite. Please send these to me by March 15—and thanks!

Syliva Talley

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FROM THE D.D.

We have just returned from the Mid Winter Board Meeting in Denver where we worked on and decided many issues that will affect all of us. I'll report to you on many of these later, but first, I want to talk about a few things closer to home.

As I told you in the last issue of the Southern Cross, Susan and I are trying to attend special events this year instead of visiting each area as we've done the last several years. Our ADDs and Regional Directors will be visiting the areas in my stead this season. Please make them welcome and let them know anything we can do to help.

The 1988 Southern Division Junior Training Seminar was held at Appalachian Ski Mountain on January 30 and 31. Before I get into anything else, I would like to thank Grady Moretz, Appalachian owner, E.B. Fox, Appalachian Patrol Leader, and the entire patrol for putting on a great seminar. The facilities were great, skiing was wonderful and the people gracious and friendly. We had an excellent group of Juniors in the competition this year. All regions were represented by well qualified and eager young people. As you know, the Southern division has always been solidly behind the Junior Program and seeing such fine examples of the program here was great. It is unfortunate that all cannot come out the winner, but all of these participants are winners in my book. The First Aid Written and Practical tests were held on Saturday, and were capped off with a wonderful spaghetti supper at Dottie Spencer's. Sunday, the skiing and toboggan tests were held. When it was all over, these were the final results:

1. Helen Calhoun—Appalachian
2. Tommy Clabough—Appalachian
3. Scott Wallace—Snowshoe
4. Greg Riser—Gatlinburg
5. Eric Marland—Gatlinburg
6. Tom Jenkins—Cumberland Gardens

Congratulations to all of these great juniors! Have a wonderful time at Lake Placid at the National Junior Seminar. I know you will represent the Southern Division well.

On to some of the things at the Mid Winter Meeting that should be of interest to you. The final plans for the Golden Anniversary Meeting in Boston are not in, but we were told the Spouse Tour would be outstanding. The last six of our National Chairmen will be in attendance. We hope the six or more of our National Patrollers who have 50 years of service will be there. It should be a wonderful meeting, with a bonus available of seeing the birthplace of a lot of our country's history.

We have a new ski supplier, NISHIZAWA. They are the second oldest ski company in the world, in business since 1925. They pride themselves on making high quality skis. We saw some and they look great. Their skis are made with a combination of laminated woods as beech, ash and hickory. They will offer super buys to patrollers, and we will hope to have a Nishizawa rep at our Fall Officers Meeting.

The new Certified Manual and the new Avalanche Manual are finished and are in stock in the National Office if you want one. The Awards Manual and the Patrol Leaders Manual are available too.

John Clair reported on the WEC meeting held in Denver a week prior to our meeting. We are maintaining a working relationship with the ARC on bridge courses. The WEC Instruction Manual will be available April 1, 1988. The WEC Text, which will be called *The Outdoor Emergency Care Manual*, will be available for distribution September 1, 1988. There will be a student workbook available at that time too. Ski Patrols in Finland, Japan and Sweden are interested in using our WEC Program.

The most controversial topic brought up was the Junior Program. This one topic took up a full half day of the total time. The Committee had been charged with developing a "total" Junior Program with the National Seminar just a part of the whole. For many and varied reasons, which I will discuss with any of you that are interested, the Board voted to discontinue the National Junior Seminar after this year at Lake Placid. This doesn't mean we won't have a National Junior Seminar again, but rather that it will have to be recommended by the Junior Committee to be a part of the total Junior Program and passed by the Board.

The NSP is in good shape financially. I believe all of you who have ordered parkas this year have received them in a timely fashion. Steve Over and the office staff are doing a great job for us and deserve your thanks when you have the opportunity to let them know.

Remember the Spring Convention in Gatlinburg on April 30, 1988. There is information on it in this same issue of the Southern Cross. Get your reservations in quickly so the committee can firm up their plans. A REMINDER—Written reports will be due from Line Officers and Advisors in early April. Doug Carlberg and Rick Roberts will contact each of you with the proper deadline date and where to send them.

Farris Jackson
Division Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 5 Avalanche Patch Course - Copper Mountain CO
Allegheny/Blackwater - Senior First Aid Test, Silver
Creek, WV
- 6 Allegheny/Blackwater Senior Skiing Test,
Snowshoe, WV
Sugar Mountain — Basic Skiing Test
- 6-11 National Junior Seminar - Lake Placid, NY
- 25-27 Southern Division - Certified Test at Showshoe, WV

APRIL

- 4 Awards Application Due to Advisor
- 10 Line/Advisor Reports Due
- 30 Southern Division Spring Officers' Meeting,
Gatlinburg, TN

JUNE

- 23-25 Golden Anniversary National Meeting, Boston, MA

JULY

- 30 Mid-Summer Executive Board Meeting

AUGUST

- 3 Southern Cross Deadline

SEPTEMBER

- 17 Fall Officer's Meeting

WEC PROGRAM

Our first year with the new WEC program has been completed for all purposes. There were many good results and comments from patrols and patrollers regarding the refreshers and the 20 WEC courses that were taught. We now have about 120 instructors trained which should be enough to teach our refreshers next fall and not cause any one instructor to have to teach for more than three hours. There will be an instructor's clinic in each region in late summer or early fall to go over the material to be taught and manner in which we wish to have it presented. Next year the plans are to have stations set up and each patroller will have a check off card that must be signed by an instructor and turned in at the completion of the day before they can take the final test. The test will be reviewed at the close of the day for questions. For any patrol presently running a WEC course or considering a course for next year, I would suggest their doing so prior to the ski season as it seems to be difficult to do so during the season. WEC courses can only be requested by a patrol leader and should be submitted to the division WEC supervisor.

The new WEC textbook will be in the summer catalogue and available for shipment around September. The cost will be between \$15 and \$20. This has been a transitional year and many rough edges were apparent but these will smooth out as instructors become more familiar with the material and patrollers more comfortable with the WEC program. I would appreciate any comments and suggestions for next year.

Jim Hunter

SOUTHERN DIVISION SPRING CONVENTION

WHEN: April 30, 1988
8:30 a.m. Registration

WHERE: Holiday Inn—Gatlinburg
333 Airport Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738
1-800-435-9202 In-State
1-800-435-9201 Out-of-State

A block of rooms will be held til March 25. Identify yourself as attending the NSPS Spring Convention.

PRICE: Room: \$46.00 (Single or Double)
\$ 6.00/Additional Person
Banquet: \$20.00/Person

- 1) Use Form enclosed for making reservations by mail.
Note: a) Send Banquet Reservation to Ron Hamilton
b) Send Room Reservation directly to Holiday Inn—Gatlinburg.
- 2) Come and enjoy yourself as there will be much to do. For those interested, Dollywood will be opening this weekend.

WINTER EMERGENCY CARE UPDATE

The Winter Emergency Care Program Advisory Committee met with the divisional winter emergency care supervisors in Denver, January 29 through 31. During that meeting progress and problems were reviewed within the Winter Emergency Care Course instituted in 1987. In addition ongoing implementation of this program was discussed with special attention to program administration, obtaining grants for financial support, text development, and instructor certification. The meeting was very productive and in general the comments from the divisional WEC supervisors was very positive.

As with any new project, administrative problems were anticipated in 1987, and changes have been made with hopes that administration will be much simpler in the 1988-89 season. The text is well underway and is going to represent a state of the art very professional work and barring problems with the printers should be available after September 1, 1988. Watch Ski Patrol Magazine for notices of preprinting offers appearing in the summer issue.

The instructor's manual is going to be a very comprehensive document printed at the national level and sold in a three ring binder so that it may be updated easily. The instructor's manual should be available after April 2, 1988. There are ongoing plans to complete a student workbook which will follow course objectives of the Winter Emergency Care Course being available in fall of 1988.

The refresher study guide will again appear in the summer issue of Ski Patrol Magazine and will have information, objectives, reading assignments, etc., for the fall refreshers in 1988. During this meeting the refresher outline and content have been reviewed and generally planned into the early 1990's.

In the WEC program, 1987 was the year of the patroller. During that year an attempt was made to introduce to the Patroller the Winter Emergency Care Course and to bridge him into this new performance oriented first aid program.

1988 will be the year of the Instructor. During 1988, instructor training will be completed and instructors attending phase one of emergency care instructor update during 1987 will be offered the chance to complete phase two and become full-fledged course instructors. In addition, a program has been outlined for ongoing instructor education and recertification and recertification of instructorship.

The Winter Emergency Care Course is proceeding very well and has had by and large overwhelming positive response from patrollers. The Advisory Committee has developed an action plan once again for the 1988-89 season and has submitted this to the National Board for consideration.

John M. Chandler, M.D.
Southwestern Division Medical Advisor
Winter Emergency Care Program Advisory Committee

CONTRIBUTE & BUY A BRICK

With the expansion of services and benefits, the National Office of the NSPS needed more room to house these projects and the necessary staff. They are now in a beautiful new building where you are encouraged to visit when in the area.

To help retire the mortgage, patrols are asked to buy bricks that will be used to pave the entrance way. Each brick will be inscribed with the name of the donor group. You will be listed as a contributor in Ski Patrol Magazine and Southern Cross, and will receive a certificate of appreciation on a walnut plaque.

Large Size Brick	\$1,000.00
Medium Size Brick	\$500.00
Regular Size Brick	\$250.00

This is not the only way you can help. Every contribution, regardless of size, is welcome. Your gift will help ensure that the NSPS continues to improve its service and reputation in the ski industry.

All PLs have received forms to send with your donation. Let's all contribute to help those who serve to help us!

Editor

ALUMNI NEWS

As everyone knows, March 1988 is the Fiftieth Anniversary of the National Ski Patrol. It is appropriate we remember some of the old-timers that have helped make the System strong. Let me introduce our first and only Lifetime member of the Southern Alumni Association . . . Wendell Stevens, of Newville, PA. Many of the Sugar Patrol will remember him from his six years with their patrol. Wendell started patrolling in 1960 at Highmount, NY. He went on to Great Gorge, NJ, where he became Assistant Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader of the Ramapo Mountain Ski Patrol. At that time, he started testing. Wendell became Director of the Ramapo Mountain Ski Club and is currently a member of the 60-Year + Club and the 70-Year + Club (he is now 74). It was grand to have Wendell in the South for his last active patrolling years. We always get so much information from members who transfer into our Division. Good luck, Wendell, and good skiing!

A lot of our patrollers have moved out of the Division, but we don't forget old friends in the Southern Division. If you know anyone we can sign on as an Alumni, please let me know.

We in the Southern Division Patrol need to designate one day or week to celebrate our Golden Anniversary and let the skiing public know we've been here 50 years, serving because we care.

Good skiing!

David P. Dillard
Alumni Advisor

NORDIC NOTES

The Southern Division has two new Nordic Seniors. Jim Reed and Ed Gassman, Great Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol, passed their test on Jan. 2, 1988. Jim will be the Southern Division Nordic Advisor next season. Ed Gassman is currently in Canada, patrolling at the Olympics.

Two Nordic basic tests are scheduled. Bob Bodamer, Blackwater Section Chief, tells me they expect 7 candidates to take the test scheduled at Elk River Nordic on Feb. 20 and 21. They also have three patrollers preparing to become Nordic test judges in that area. This should help the program greatly.

Great Smoky Mountain Nordic is planning a Nordic Basic test on Feb. 27. This patrol was also responsible for preparing a Ski Mountaineering course for the Park Service on Feb. 13 and 14.

Discussions are still taking place about holding an Advanced Ski Mountaineering course at Roan Mountain. That will give patrollers an opportunity to ski that fine Nordic area.

There is beginning to be some interest in attending an Advanced Avalanche course in Colorado on Nordic skis. The Rocky Mountain Nordic advisor has volunteered to host the course for the Southern Division when we can generate sufficient interest. Those of you that are interested, let me know.

Milton Triplett
Nordic Advisor

REGIONAL P.S.I.A./N.S.P.S. CLINIC HELD ON THE MEADOWS!!

Cataloochee ski area was host of the annual Professional Ski Instructors of America training clinic given for the N.S.P.S. training personnel on January 9th and 10th, and those fortunate enough to attend were greeted with a pleasant surprise.

Thanks to lots of cold weather and a nod from the snow gods, the attendees found themselves following Burt Skall down the Meadows! For those of you that are not familiar with the Meadows, it is the largest and widest ski slope in the southeast, and it is only open in natural snowfall.

Burt, who is the Ski School Director at Cataloochee and is a member of the P.S.I.A. Demonstration Team, dedicated all of Saturday to the attendees helping them to fine tune their teaching skills. Sunday was spent exercising their new skills with, and being critiqued by the Cataloochee Ski Patrol candidates.

Thanks to Burt, all left the clinic with some valuable teaching tools, some new skiing skills, (just ask Chuck Latkoff Jr., last seen carving finished turns down the headwall of upper Omigosh), and a touch of "Meadows Madness", an incurable disease that strikes those who have had the rare opportunity to push a ski tip onto that side of Fie Top Mountain.

My thanks to the attendees who to a man demonstrated a high degree of professionalism, a strong desire to grasp new strategies for teaching, and the capacity to pass along this knowledge to others. Thanks to the Patrol leaders who wisely selected these people for training; your candidates are fortunate. Thanks to the management of Cataloochee for their hospitality and for allowing us to hold this clinic at their facility. Thanks to the Cataloochee Ski Patrol and their candidates for their support.

The attendees:

Chris Wilde	Wolf Laurel
Wayne Morgan	Wolf Laurel
Dave Long	Cataloochee
Chuck Latkoff	Scaley
Mike Chandler	Sky Valley
Bill Warner	Section Chief
Jim Richardson	Cumberland Valley
Gary Riser	Section Chief

Ed Saleem

AFA & EC COURSE OFFERED

Mark Dignan will be teaching this course in Winston-Salem at the Red Cross Building beginning on March 22. The hours will be from 6 to 10 p.m. each Tuesday until the course is completed, most likely some time in June. If you know of anyone interested, give Mark a call at: 919-748-4565 (O) or 919-760-0751 (H).

BUILDING A SCRAPBOOK

As many of you know, I have taken over the very great task of keeping the Southern Division scrapbook since Joy Slagle "retired" from this position. Needless to say, Joy left some *very* big shoes to fill. This rookie needs all the help she can get from Southern Division. If you are an Officer, Region or Section Chief, Patrol Director or Advisor, send me a snapshot of yourself if I did not take your picture at the Fall officers meeting. By now I should be receiving group pictures of your patrol, as well as action shots of the Ski Mountaineering, Circle A and Circle M courses from this season. I will need to receive these pictures by March 15, please, so that I can complete the scrapbook for Spring Convention. My address is 700 Huntington Place, Marietta, GA 30067. And thanks!

Sylvia Talley

THE JIMMIE HEUGA USA EXPRESS

The Express chugged into Beech Mountain on February 14 and many patrollers were there to participate. We are happy to report that \$16,000 was earned for this non-profit scientific research organization "Reanimating the Physically Challenged". Alpine Cable Vision and the Weather Channel handed out awards to each of the participating patrols and to the police chiefs from the towns they represented.

The Jimmie Heuga USA Express is a national fund raising marathon ski series that challenges you to test your limits and a mountain! Co-ed teams of three will compete to raise the most money from businesses and individuals and be part of a group that attempts to ski more than one million vertical feet in a day.

The USA Express, entering its fourth year, is hosted by more than twenty ski resorts and benefits the Jimmie Heuga Center, a non-profit organization "reanimating the physically challenged."SM The winning team from each area will receive a trip to Vail, Colorado, April 14-17. There, USA Express winners will compete and participate in the festivities at the 1988 USA Express finals.

At the finals in Vail winners will also have the chance to ski with 30 former Olympic and World Cup skiers, as the Olympians attempt to accumulate a million vertical feet in a single day. Past skiers include Billy Kidd, Phil Mahre, Jean-Claude Killy, Cindy Nelson and other national, Olympic and international celebrities.

During 1987 Sun Valley reigns as the Ski Resort National Champion, with High Sierra Energy Systems from Mammoth Mt. capturing the Team National Championship.

Jimmie Heuga, a bronze medalist in the 1964 Olympic slalom, is accustomed to such challenges. After he was diagnosed in 1970 with multiple sclerosis (MS), he developed a very successful personal fitness program rather than follow the traditional treatment of non-exertion.

"Our goal should be to challenge ourselves based on what we are able to do," says Heuga.

In 1984 he founded the Jimmie Heuga Center, now recognized by medical organizations and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society as an alternative means of health care. The Center, the only one of its kind, seeks to improve the quality of life for persons challenged by chronic conditions through participation in a goal-oriented program of fitness and self motivation.

By participating, you can share in the dream of the physically challenged to lead healthy, active and fulfilling lives. For more information write the Jimmie Heuga USA Express, P.O. Box 5480, Avon, CO 81620 or call 303-949-6550. You may also contact the marketing director at one of the following ski resorts. Move your muscles so the Jimmie Heuga Center may help others to do the same!

THE JIMMIE HEUGA USA EXPRESS SCHEDULE

Keystone, CO	Dec. 4	Mount Reba, CA	Feb. 21
Boyne Mountain, MI	Dec. 14	Snow Summit, CA	Feb. 23
Cannonsburg, MI	Dec. 18	Sugarloaf, ME	Feb. 26
Sugarbush, VT	Jan. 9	Hunter, NY	Feb. 29
Santa Fe Ski Basin, NM	Jan. 15	Attitash, NH	Mar. 4
Timberline Lodge, OR	Jan. 17	Steamboat Springs, CO	Mar. 13
Snowbird, UT	Jan. 22	Seven Spring, PA	Mar. 17
Sun Valley, ID	Jan. 24	Snoqualmie, WA	Mar. 20
Squaw Valley, CA	Feb. 5	Vail, CO	Apr. 14
Ski Beech Mt., NC	Feb. 14	USA EXPRESS FINALS	
Mammoth, CA	Feb. 19	AT VAIL, CO	April 15-17



Jean-Claude Killy, Jimmie Heuga and Billy Kidd have skied in the USA Express and serve on the Board of Directors for the Jimmie Heuga Center, a non-profit organization "Reanimating the Physically Challenged."SM

(photo credit: David Lokey)



Some of the patrollers attending the event are (left to right): Lynn Herrick, Mark Taylor, Pete Chamberlin, Tony Ray, Dottie Spencer, Flynn Harris, Lee and Elaine Wittman, Tim Tumbriola.

REGISTRATION — 1988 NSPS SOUTHERN DIVISION SPRING CONVENTION

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DEADLINE: March 25, 1988

Please make reservations directly with motel by phone or mail.

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PATROL NEWS

Appalachian

It's been a busy and productive season for the patrol. The year began at fall refresher with two of our group, old-timer Blake Brown and new-transfer Bernie Smith, receiving National Appointments. The year is ending with two of our Juniors, Helen Calhoun and Tommy Clabough, on the road to the National Junior Training Seminar after finishing first and second in the Division Junior Seminar. In between we've had: two division WEC Instructor-Trainer courses, one Circle A, proficiency training, new candidate training, Senior candidate training, a Basic Test, the Division Junior Training Seminar, Ski Safety citations, THE APPALANCHE, and a lot of plain old ski patrolling. Speaking of THE APPALANCHE (full name THE APPALANCHE, SKI THIS), two of our pros, John Taylor and Kevin Bilodeau, both of them frustrated Junior reporters, took it upon themselves to publish a weekly newsletter for the weekend warriors. It's been a valuable resource in keeping everyone abreast of what's happening on the mountain. The only disadvantage is that every time the PL falls, it gets written up in the newsletter. Now that's skiing under pressure!

E. B. Fox, PL

Massanutten

The ski area is heading for another record year with more skiers and fewer accidents than our record breaking 1986/87. There have been many innovations during the last few years, but, perhaps the most important factor is the consistent focus on safety by everyone. The owners, management, marketing, ski instructors, snow groomers, lift attendants, and last—but certainly not least—the patrollers. WHEN THE TEAM IS AWARE, SKIERS TAKE MORE CARE.

Jack Shields, our PL, had a successful bypass operation and is recovering rapidly with thoughts of skiing next season. Bill Watson and Tim Hattwick, Asst. and Deputy Asst. PLs, have filled the gap with valued support from our Director of the Patrol, Kenny Hess, and the pro patrol.

There is considerable interest in individual development which is essential for the patrol. Both the Director and Asst. Director are participating in the Certified Program. Several patrollers are involved in the Senior Program both as candidates and examiners. So far Mark Andrews and Dave Brown have earned their Senior status.

Eighteen new candidates entered our Basic Training Program this winter. Our final test of S & T skills is scheduled for the third weekend of February. Liz Beazinger and Charlie Coleman, our S & T instructors, rate this group of candidates with our best.

Liz Jacoby, Sec.

BUSY PATROLLING? HAVING FUN?

Send in your news and share with other patrollers in the division.

Editor

FROM THE BLUE RIDGE

We all had a very fine time at the Jimmy Heuga Express competition. With the cooperation and help from many patrollers, \$16,000 was raised for multiple sclerosis (MS). I hope to see this become an annual event.

The region is in high spirits as we were recognized and awarded certificates by Alpine Cable Vision and the Weather Channel for our service to the skiing public. All the patrols received a certificate.

Mill Ridge and Hound Ears have really taken off this year. The patrols have grown, with sharp new Juniors at Mill Ridge and cagey veterans at Hound Ears. You can tell who likes the good food! At Hawksnest the Night Hawk has kept patrollers awake as its venue of skiing has caught on and crowds are big this year. One night there were 1200 skiers. Appalachian ran the best Junior Seminar ever according to the Juniors. Way to go App! Sugar and Beech just keep slugging along—wearing out patrollers.

Pete Chamberlin, R.D.

DEEP SOUTH SECTION

Scaly Mountain hosted the basic patroller test for the Deep South Section on Sunday, February 14. Of the fourteen candidates who were tested, seven are now patrollers. They are:

Sapphire Valley—Tommy Dillard

Scaly Mountain—Dick Boyer, Ken Collins, Terri Sizemore and Randy Young

Sky Valley—Marianna Cleminshaw and Scott Chandler

Several of these candidates are graduates of the first WEC course taught in Southern Division. One patroller is an EMT, while another has worked as a paramedic for several years. We wish to congratulate each of these new patrollers, especially for the enthusiasm and perseverance they have shown throughout their training.

We also wish to extend our thanks to our testers, Ron Geist, Ed Saleem and Steve Waldrup; and to the Patrol Directors and Training Officers who worked with these new patrollers and candidates.

Bill Warner

JUNIOR TRAINING SEMINAR

Appalachian was pleased to host the Division Junior Training Seminar on January 30 and 31. We had 12 Juniors representing six different patrols and as usual the competition was top notch. When all was said and done, a couple of local Juniors came out on top. The six are:

First	Helen Calhoun, Appalachian
Second	Tommy Clabough, Appalachian
Third	Scot Wallace, Snowshoe
Fourth	Greg Riser, Gatlinburg
Fifth	Eric Marland, Gatlinburg
Sixth	Tom Jenkins, Cumberlin Gardens

These six will be making the trip to Lake Placid, New York, March 6 to 10 to compete in the National Junior Training Seminar. We wish them good luck, and offer congratulations to all Seminar participants for a job well done. My personal thanks go out to all the adults who helped.

E. B. Fox
Appalachian PL



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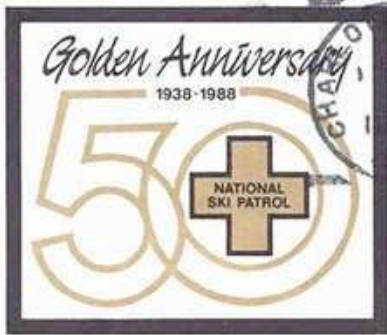
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FROM THE D.D.

Welcome to the 1988-89 Ski Season! Believe it or not, we've already had our Summer Executive Committee Meeting and the Fall Officers Meeting. You'll soon be going to your WEC Fall Refreshers and on-the-hill training and before long, we'll be skiing. We started earlier this year in the hope of getting information to you about things that will be going on this fall in a more timely manner.

In June, several of us attended the National Board Meeting in Boston. As you know, this meeting was billed as our 50th Anniversary Party. It was done in a grand manner and was a real tribute to our past, present and future. The board meeting was informative and a lot was accomplished. One of the most important things decided was that there would be NO national dues increase for the fourth straight year. Now that's good news! The national office has done an extra special job in controlling expenses while providing us, the patroller, with the best possible service. We should all be proud of our national facilities and its staff.

I was especially proud to go to the podium four times to receive awards on behalf of the Southern Division. You people did a truly tremendous job this past season. The following are the awards we received:

Outstanding Junior Patroller

Scot Wallace, Snowshoe Patrol - Gold Merit Star and Engraved Silver Platter

Runner Up - Outstanding Alpine Patroller

E.B. Fox, Appalachian Ski Mountain - Silver Merit Star

Runner up, Outstanding Alpine Patrol

Wintergreen - Carroll Harris, PL - National Unit Citation

Runner Up, Outstanding Nordic Patrol

Smoky Mountain Nordic - Andy Meacham, PL - National Unit Citation

This is an outstanding showing for your division. I'm already looking forward to what you all can do this season. Believe it or not, we had five or six patrollers in attendance at the meeting that each had 50 years or more of continuous service with the National Ski Patrol. All in all, it was a super celebration. I wish you all could have been there.

We held our Executive Committee Meeting on July 31st to prepare for the coming season and the Fall Officers Meeting. It was an important meeting because we were dealing with our recommendations for the 1988-89 budget. Each item was thoroughly discussed and individually approved. When all the items were put together, we voted to recommend the budget to the board of directors. An agenda was prepared and was sent to all officers and advisors along with the proposed budget with explanations of unusual items. This was an attempt to give the board advance information before the meeting.

The Fall Officers Meeting was held at the Abingdon, Virginia 4-H Center on the 25th, 26th and 27th of August. French and Mary Ann Moore did their usual outstanding job of preparing for the meeting. The Southeastern Medical Dental Society hosted our hospitality room for Friday and Saturday evenings. We certainly owe them a debt of gratitude. An Executive Committee Meeting was held on Friday evening to iron out any last minute problems for the Fall Officers Meeting. Saturday the meeting began with the introduction of new division officers and advisors as follows: Add/Staff, Neil Booth; Dixie Region Director, Rick Roberts; Professional Director, Lynn Pace; Wolf Laurel PL, Wayne Morgan; Cumberland Gardens PL, Dave Bjornstad; Sapphire Valley PL, Jim Holmbeck; Sky Valley PL, Tom Crosby; Homestead Pro PL, O.B. Schaltegger; Massanutten Vol PL, Bill Watson; Shenandoah Nordic PL, Cary Wilson; Nordic Advisor, Jim Reed; Proficiency Advisor, Ed Saleem; Fund Raising Advisor, Diana Bauer. These are all special people. Please welcome them and give them all the help you can.

We welcomed Steve Over, our National Executive Director, who told us how our national situation has improved over the past few years. His statistics showed we are in excellent condition nationally. He covered the changes in our insurance program. This is very important, and all of you should understand the new program thoroughly. Your patrol leader has all the information and is expected to cover it at your Refreshers. However, should you have any questions, please contact me. We will have an Assistant Division Director or Regional Director at each Refresher to answer questions.

We covered the budget in detail and all items were approved. One important budget item approved was a new Fund Raising Program. Diana Bauer gave an outstanding presentation on a division-wide drawing benefitting both the division and individual patrols. The grand prize is a one week ski trip to Aspen, CO. Donations will be accepted in increments of one dollar and the drawing will be held in February. Any income will be split 50/50 between each patrol (depending upon their participation) and the division. If we get full participation from everyone, this will be an outstanding program. National is observing us to see if it is successful. If it is, they may try it to reduce the mortgage on our national office. Fund raising advisors have been appointed in each region, under the direction of our Division Advisor, Diana Bauer. Please cooperate with each of them in every way. Let's show everyone we can make this work!

Another important issue discussed was the Junior Program, or more accurately, the National Junior Training Seminar. Many people stated how they felt and we got some good input back from Steve Over. In the end, we agreed to state our position to Marlen Guell, our National Chairman. We support the Junior Program and feel that an integral part of the program should be a well planned, well structured, well supervised and safe National Junior Training Seminar.

In addition to the awards I mentioned before, we presented certificates from Alpine Cablevision and the Weather Channel to the Hawksnest and Sugar Mountain patrols, recognizing their ongoing aid to the public. Fifteen year service awards went to Norris Woody and Ron Geist, twenty years to Charles Benbow and Bob Riddle, and twenty five years to Dave Dillard. Mark Rebs, Mill Ridge, and Bob Riddle, our Legal Advisor, received Yellow Merit Stars for their outstanding service to the NSP. In addition, Brandon Deane, Wintergreen, was awarded a well deserved national appointment.

Refreshers are coming up soon. Remember to read and fill out the WEC Section of the ski patrol magazine and take it to your Refresher. Also, you must have a current CPR card with you to present at the Refresher.

Remember, working together, we can make this the Southern Division's proudest year. Good luck and good skiing!

Farris Jackson, D.D.

CALENDAR

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| <p>Sept. 17 WEC Course Begins, Massanutten, VA
 17 WEC Instructor's Clinic, Blue Ridge
 24 WEC Course Begins, Deep South Section
 24-25 WEC Instructor's Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
 Oct. 8 Grandfather Section - WEC Refresher, Banner Elk, NC
 8-9 WEC Instructor's Clinic, Lake Monica, VA
 9 On-The-Hill Refreshers - Sugar Mountain
 - Hawk's Nest
 21-22 Circle A Course, Dixie Region, Mars Hill, NC
 21-23 Atlanta Ski Show/Swap
 22 Circle A Course, Wolf Laurel, Mars Hill, NC
 22-23 Circle M Course, Dixie Region, Mars Hill, NC
 22-23 Circle M Course, Wolf Laurel, Mars Hill, NC
 29 WEC Refresher, Snowshoe, WV
 30 On-The-Hill Refresher - Snowshoe - Silvercreek
 Nov. 5 WEC Refresher
 • Carolina Highlands Sect., Beech Mt., NC
 • Cataloochee/Scaly Mtn., A-B Technical,
 Asheville, NC
 On-The-Hill Refresher
 • Massanutten Resort
 • Wintergreen
 6 WEC Refresher
 Virginia Sect., UVA Business School,
 Charlottesville, VA
 On-The-Hill Refresher
 • Cataloochee
 • Beech Mtn.
 • Appalachian
 • Scaly Mtn.
 12 WEC Refresher
 • Wolf Laurel/Sapphire Valley, Asheville, TN
 • Ober-Gatlinburg, Knoxville, TN
 • Cloudmont Resort, Knoxville, TN
 • Smoky Mountain Nordic, Knoxville, TN
 • Sky Valley, Atlanta, GA
 13 On-The-Hill Refresher
 • Wolf Laurel, Mars Hill, NC
 • Ober-Gatlinburg, Gatlinburg, TN
 • Sapphire Valley, Fairfield, NC
 • Sky Valley, Dillard, GA
 15 Southern Cross Deadline
 19-20 Triad Ski Swap
 19-20 Circle M Course, Wintergreen, VA
 25-27 Patroller Short Course, Snowshoe, WV
 (reservations required)
 26 Circle A Course, Snowshoe, WV
 26-27 Circle M Course, Snowshoe, WV
 Dec. 2,3,4 Division Proficiency Workshop, Winterplace, WV
 3 WEC Senior Test, Wolf Laurel, Mars Hill, NC
 3-4 Circle M Course, Blue Ridge Region
 10 Back Country Navigation Training, Smoky Mountain
 Nordic
 10 Skiing and Toboggan Examiners Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
 10-11 Circle M Course, Dixie Region
 17-18 Patroller Skiing Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
 Jan. 7 Candidate Ski Off, Massanutten, VA
 14 Midwinter Executive Board Meeting,
 Beech Mountain, NC
 14 On-The-Hill Refresher, Smoky Mountain Nordic</p> | <p>14-15 Advanced Avalanche "Patch" Refresher
 14-15 Blue Ridge PSIA Clinic, Hawk's Nest, NC
 14-15 Skyline Advanced Patroller Clinic, Wintergreen, VA
 14-15 Dixie PSIA Clinic, Cataloochee, NC
 17 Southern Cross Deadline
 21 WEC Course Final Exam, Silvercreek
 21 Senior Examiners Clinic, Ober-Gatlinburg, TN
 21-22 Blue Ridge Advanced Patroller Clinic,
 Massanutten, VA
 22 Blue Ridge Certified Clinic, TBD
 22 Senior Clinic, Dixie Region, Ober-Gatlinburg, TN
 22 Basic Skiing and Toboggan Test, Hawk's Nest, NC
 28 Nordic Senior Clinic, Beech Mountain, NC
 28 Skiing and Toboggan Examiners Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
 28-29 Skiing and Toboggan Examiners Clinic,
 Hawk's Nest, NC
 28-29 Dixie Advanced Patroller Clinic, Ober-Gatlinburg, TN
 29 Senior Test Clinic, Hawk's Nest, NC
 29 Certified Test Clinic, Ober-Gatlinburg, TN
 Feb. 4 Senior WEC Test, Dixie Region, Wolf Laurel
 4-5 Senior Candidate Clinic, Snowshoe, WV
 5 Senior Skiing and Toboggan Test, Dixie Region,
 Wolf Laurel
 5 Basic Patroller Test, Beech Mountain, NC
 11 Basic/Senior Nordic Test, Smoky Mountain Nordic
 11-12 Basic Patroller Test
 • Cataloochee
 • Ober-Gatlinburg
 • Wintergreen
 • Wolf Laurel
 11-12 So. Div. Junior Training Seminar, Snowshoe, WV
 11-12 Senior WEC Test, Snowshoe, WV
 11-12 Senior Skiing and Toboggan Test, Snowshoe, WV
 12 Basic Patroller Test, Smoky Mountain Section
 • Cataloochee, NC
 12 Basic Patroller Test, Deep South Section
 18 Deadline for Certified Registration
 21 Southern Cross Deadline
 25 WEC Course Final Exam, Massanutten, VA
 25 Senior WEC Exam, Beech Mountain, NC
 25 Basic/Senior Nordic Test, Elk River Nordic
 26 Basic Patroller Test
 • Massanutten
 • Winterplace
 26 Senior Skiing and Toboggan Test
 • Beech Mountain, NC
 Mar. 4 Basic Patroller Test, Timberline, WV
 4-5 Senior Skiing and Toboggan Test
 • Wintergreen
 9 Back Country Navigation Course,
 Smoky Mountain Nordic
 10-12 Adv. Ski Mountaineering Course, Roan Mountain
 11 Basic Patroller Test, Silvercreek, WV
 17-19 Certified Patroller Test, Snowshoe, WV
 April 3 Award Applications Due to Advisor
 4 Line/Advisor Reports Due to DD
 28 Spring Executive Board Meeting, Abingdon, VA
 29 Southern Division Spring Meeting, Abingdon, VA
 Aug. 26-27 Fall Officers Meeting
 Sept. 2 Southern Cross Deadline</p> |
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RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships are important. Fundamental to a successful relationship, be it with a person or an organization, is understanding the nature of the relationship. Knowing what to give to and expect from the relationship is essential. Relationships can vary in complexity as they move from direct to multiple and indirect. They are generally dynamic in nature. What is the nature of your relationship with NSP? Is area management a party to that relationship? To whom should your loyalties belong? These are questions we all have or have had at one time or another. Since our Ski Patrol relationships are not static, it might be helpful to re-examine these questions.

A Ski Patroller is a volunteer who is trained in winter emergency care and sufficiently proficient in skiing skills to render first aid and rescue services to injured members of the skiing public. This definition necessarily suggests relationships. The first relationship springs from the question "How does one become a Ski Patroller?"

Let's look at the relationship created by affiliation with NSP. NSP is a national organization that provides an educational package for the individual who wishes to become a Ski Patroller. It began as a New York corporation which was later granted a national charter to enable it to operate as a not-for-profit corporation.

NSP provides this educational package through the network of divisions, regions, sections, and patrols. It provides training in first-aid care through its WEC course and an educational program in skiing and rescue to its membership. It also provides a nationally accepted certification of its affiliates that credentials them to perform the services of ski patrolling.

So the relationship between NSP and its membership is direct. The members buy the educational package and annual certification for a fee. NSP provides on-going educational material and re-certification for its members.

A second relationship arises from the definition of a Ski Patroller when that Patroller enters into the practice of his newly acquired skills. He must market those skills to a ski area. Now the individual, or in most instances a group of these trained individuals, enter into an agreement with a ski area to provide services to the skiing public at that ski area on behalf of that area.

This second relationship creates what is known in law as "an agency". An agent who is someone who is performing an act or services on behalf of another. The term is often translated into employee. An employee acts for another for compensation. Being a volunteer seems to be incongruous with being an employee, however, we are compensated. That compensation takes the form of skiing privileges, in some instances meal tickets, family ski passes, discounts and miscellaneous other benefits. So, indeed, we are agents and employees of management and act in the performance of our skills, at their direction.

Let me hasten to add that although this common law relationship is created, management and Ski Patrol are engaged in an on-going tension to alter this relationship. Ski Patrollers, because they are volunteers and professionals, are struggling for autonomy. Management is torn between treating the Patroller as an employee to do its bidding and as an independent when it comes to defraying expenses normally associated with employment.

Now the plot thickens. Ski Patrollers are not provided with medical insurance often available to employees. Medical insurance coverage is not provided by NSP or by the area where the Patroller actually skis. So, in the event of an injury, the Patroller must look to his own independent insurance or personal resources.

Ski Patrollers are, generally, not provided with workmen's compensation insurance as would be the case for other management employees. So, an injury while performing patrolling services would, likewise, be the responsibility of the Patroller. Some states, like North Carolina, have specifically excluded Ski Patrollers from their workmen's compensation statutes while other states have dealt with the issue by case law. At least

F.E.D. EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

Now that the ski season will be starting soon, there is still some F.E.D. equipment available. Let me know what you need so we can get it to you before the season starts.

- Raingear — two-piece (parka and pants)
- Lots of Strapping
- Sleeping Bags and Covers
- Shelter Halves
- Duffel Bags
- Barracks Bags
- Personal Clothing Bags (waterproof)
- Ensolits Pads
- Do you want more seat belts?

Harry Stowe
F.E.D. Adv.

one state, Wyoming, has held Ski Patrollers to be included under their workmen's compensation act.

The area which has caused the greatest uncertainty about the nature of our relationship with management is liability to others for our negligence in performing our services. As agents of management, wouldn't management be responsible? The answer is generally, yes. This area presented no problems initially since, as agents of management, we were covered under their liability insurance coverage. Additionally, our certifying corporation (NSP), as part of their service, provided us with liability coverage that came into play when management's insurance was not appropriate or where management had inadequate or no coverage.

The last decade has seen a dramatic increase in a disease known as "sue-itis" which has reached almost epidemic proportions. This phenomena brought about another phenomena described by the industry as the "insurance crisis". Liability premiums skyrocketed, ski areas were going uninsured, and the tension in the Patrol/Management relationship became exacerbated.

The insurance industry had a strong role in inciting this tension. The ski areas are required to provide a first-aid service to their customers and NSP, as the recognized provider, was viewed by both management and the insurance industry as a stabilizer. Skiing, being an unusual risk, also limited the market for available insurance to one or two companies. Initially, the coverage for area management and NSP was provided by the same company. The cost of this coverage to NSP was reasonable since it was, in effect, a secondary coverage for those areas insured and there was not great exposure by the few uninsured areas.

As the exposure increased, the premiums rose and the cost of liability insurance became a major part of a ski area's budget. Likewise, some conflicts developed between management and Patrol over liability in those gray areas, like injury to a Patroller during training. Issues like who was responsible for maintenance of equipment used by Patrols began developing. The ultimate end to this scenario is the NSP's inability to now purchase coverage while patrolling, due to the prohibitive costs and the unavailable market.

Although we have been able to purchase coverage, it only covers activities required and/or approved by the NSP Board for NSP membership. It does not cover actual patrolling activities at the area where we patrol. The rationale is that, as agents of management, we are covered by their policy.

What impact does this have for the Patroller? It is indeed significant since many areas have inadequate coverage and, in some instances, are running the risk themselves by self-insurance or going without coverage. Additionally, as coverage becomes more costly, areas are purchasing lower limits. There may be instances where a gap in coverage exists while an owner negotiates with carriers over premiums. So the Patroller is exposed to a risk and should evaluate and manage that risk accordingly.

You are still an agent of management and, of course, they would be responsible for your negligent acts, but you may also be liable where coverage is inadequate or not in place. The new NSP insurance will not cover patrolling activities. Many people are under the erroneous impression that good samaritan statutes insulate them from liability. Although these laws vary from state to state, generally speaking, these statutes do not insulate a Patroller who is performing a rescue service while in the employ of a ski area.

These comments are, by no means, intended to discourage the almost 2,400 wonderful volunteers who service the skiing public but rather that they might be totally apprised of the nature of their relationship in doing so.

Bob Riddle
Legal Adv.

ALUMNI NEWS

No dues increase for Alumni this year.

In Boston, National has approved a sweater pin. This will help the Alumni become more visible at the local ski area.

Thanks to all of you who gave me help and names of potential Alumni. We are most happy to have Slim Owen on our list; he was the founder of the Beech Mtn. patrol. He is now retired and probably hunting in Texas. I skied this year with Frank Facini, Natl. number 1384, retired patroller from Vermont. He joined the Alumni and we welcome him to the South. He lives in South Carolina. Welcome also to Joann Smith and Bob Edwards. We all will remember these two and thank them for all their years of service.

This year, don't forget the Alumni. We will continue to use the patrol lists of those who have become inactive.

David P. Dillard
Alumni Advisor

CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

As of the Executive Committee Meeting on August 31, the following Southern Division Advisory positions were deleted:

Explorer Scouts
First Aid
Professional Liaison
SSAA Liaison

The position of Archivist will now be Historian/Archivist. Sylvia Talley will hold that position and Dottie Spencer will continue her efforts to conclude her project of documenting and recording the division's history. Any future developments pertaining to the Explorer Scout program will be administered by the Junior Advisor.

As of the aforementioned meeting, Lynn Pace has accepted the position of Professional Director. I am now the Dixie Region Director. Neil Booth has taken over as Assistant Division Director-Staff and Ed Saleem is the Division Proficiency Advisor.

It has been a privilege having the opportunity of working with the advisors, and I sincerely appreciate the cooperation and support that I have received. I am personally excited about the talents that Neil Booth brings to the position of ADD-Staff and am most certain that you will enjoy working with him. If there are any "dangling participles" pertaining to your particular advisory, please feel free to contact me. Neil and I will be working together on many of the advisor programs prior to the Fall Officers Meeting.

Rick Roberts, R.D.

ALLEGHENY SECTION

Hope everyone has had a great summer and that the thought of skiing soon is running through your mind. What's happening in our section?

Silver Creek has new owners again. The Rooms and the Lodge are getting a new look and worked on. Slope #2 outside the Lodge will get finished with Snowmaking this season. The refresher will be on October 29th & 30th.

Snowshoe has added more snowmaking power and snowmaking on Knotbumper. There will be a new beginner slope in the basin and the pool will be open for swimming this year.

Winter Place has been cleaning up and doing general maintenance. They have a new PL, Bud Frantz. Their refresher will be on November 5th and 6th.

Jan Starr
Allegheny, S.C.

ADVANCED PATROLLER CLINICS

Your Certified Program is offering an Advanced Patroller Clinic in each region this season. These clinics are open to all patrollers (basic or senior) regardless of whether they intend to participate in the certified examination process and will feature instruction by certified and professional patrollers from the host as well as other regions.

The purpose of this clinic is to offer training which will bring the patroller to a fuller awareness of various patrolling skills, patrol management, and the needs of the ski industry. While the clinic more directly addresses patrol leaders and professional patrollers, it will serve to give any patroller a more complete prospective on ski patrolling and his own role in the ski industry. The clinic is designed to optimize the sharing of ideas and techniques between participants as they address a wide range of topics to include patrol management, slope safety and risk management, lift evacuation (management as well as techniques), first aid, skiing, and advanced toboggan handling skills.

Registration will be limited and has a deadline of two weeks before the clinic to insure that the mailing is received by the participant well before the clinic. To register send your name, address, phone, home patrol, patrol status, a brief recommendation from your patrol leader or regional director, and \$5.00 to me.

Brandon Deane
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FROM THE BLUE RIDGE REGION

Welcome back. If winter will be as cold as summer was hot, we're in for some great skiing conditions.

Patrol leaders met in August and have worked hard to get ready for the season. In particular, the refreshers and continued implementation of the WEC program. Please come to your refresher ready with pre-test completed. Your skills will be reviewed and checked off. Welcome this! You will enjoy the refresher more and you will be more confident on the slope too.

We need to continue to develop the WEC Program on a geographical basis so future candidates can become qualified. If you know someone who wants "First Aid" (WEC), please call your PL and give them the person's name, address and phone number. We need to get a couple classes going this fall.

Have a good fall season. See you at the refresher. Remember that the Grandfather refresher will be held at the Banner Elk Elementary School.

Pete Chamberlin, R.D.

DEEP SOUTH SECTION

Two patrols in the section have new PL's: Tom Crosby, Sky Valley and Jim Holmbeck, Sapphire Valley. Congratulations to you both!

This will be a very busy fall for us. In addition to the usual refreshers, we are beginning a WEC Course on September 24th and should finish on December 4th, in time before the snows fall. Four of the seven weekend classes will be held in Atlanta and three at Sky Valley. Should you have any candidates to join us, be sure to notify me immediately to get them registered.

Last year and this year I started a program with the local Rabur Co. High School which was helpful for the Ski Patrol and you may wish to do the same with your local high school. Last fall and this fall I'm scheduled to put on a class for their First Aid Course dealing with the Winter Environment with emphasis on clothing and heat loss. What was particularly enjoyable was that four teenagers came up to me on the slopes and asked, "Weren't you the guy who came to our class"? At least it did my heart good to know a few youngsters got something from the effort.

This year our section has planned a training trip to Grey Rocks, Canada for December 11-17. Our objective is to go get some early training in for our Senior Candidates, but we have invited all other division patrollers who wish to join us to come along. We are limited to 20 people, so get your registration in early. The price is right and we are sure to have lots of fun as well as get our ski legs early. Phone Mark Randall (404-886-7493) or (800-342-8050).

All the Deep South Section Ski Areas are looking forward to that first frost so we can get started on an early and long season.

Bill Warner

SUPPORT AND HELP WANTED

As the upcoming season approaches, there is a lot of preparation work to be done by everyone. Therefore, I would like to extend to everyone, the assistance of all the Advisorships, from Division and Region, in helping you accomplish your tasks. One area which needs everyone's support is the area of fund raising. DeeDee Bauer, our Fund Raising Advisor, has put together a great program. Let's get behind this effort. It supports the entire Division and Patrols who participate! Please read her report for details.

Several of the advisorships need volunteers. They are Instructors for Mountaineering, Avalanche, Ski and Toboggan and WEC. We also need people who are interested in examining Basic and Senior Patroller skiing skills. We are a membership of roughly 950 people. To properly support our system, we need your help. If you are interested in greater involvement with your Region or Division, contact the respective advisor or myself. It can be a truly rewarding venture in that you can help other Patrollers increase their knowledge and experience through your leadership and concern. Please give us a hand!

Neil A. Booth
ADD-Staff

SKI THE NEW WOLF LAUREL

Sepp Gmunder, the manager of Beech Mountain has formed a corporation and purchased the Wolf Laurel Ski Area and a large block of adjoining land. The changes for the 1988-89 season are almost unbelievable to a patrol that is accustomed to significant changes being a new coat of paint. Sepp says that we will have the following improvements by Thanksgiving 1988: a new Quad lift from the base to the highest point on the summit, three awesome new trails 150' wide on a previously unopened section of the mountain, 10,000' of new air line, hydrants every 60' on the mountain, 130 new snow guns and greatly increased air and water capacity. There is a possibility of a new rental facility, picnic area and nursery. Future plans call for even more expansion and we'll let you know that news at a later date.

The new lift line for the Quad has been cut, cleared and the tower locations staked. The old Pomma lift has been dismantled. The new trails have been flagged, cut and the grading is almost complete. The Quad has been ordered. I'm beginning to believe this expansion might involve more than a new coat of paint.

Steve Waldrep, PL

GATLINBURG/CUMBERLAND GARDENS WEC REFRESHER!

We would like for this refresher to be a positive training opportunity for you. The refresher will be easier for you to complete if you do a few things: (1) Take the 1988 Refresher Study Guide that came in the last issue of Ski Patrol Magazine and study it. (2) Complete the open-book question worksheet at the end of the study guide, using the refresher study guide and your NSP Winter First Aid Manual. **BRING THE OPEN-BOOK QUESTION WORKSHEET WITH YOU TO THE REFRESHER!!** You cannot begin the refresher until you have turned in the open-book question worksheet. (3) **BRING YOUR WEC CARD WITH YOU TO THE REFRESHER!!**

Although it is not required for the refresher, it would be helpful if you re-certify your CPR card before the refresher. You must have a current CPR card before your patrol director can register you anyway. A valuable resource, while not required, is the new Outdoor Emergency Care textbook available through the NSP Winter Catalog (#551, \$19.50).

If you have not received or have lost your 1988 Refresher Study Guide, contact your patrol director. If you cannot attend your patrol's refresher, you must contact your patrol director since you cannot just "drop-in" on another refresher. If you have any questions, contact your patrol director or Lynn Pace at 615-436-5423 or Brad Smallen at 615-354-3000, ext. 4339.

COMPUTER ANYONE?

As Records Coordinator, my initial job is to keep track of the Senior candidate's progress on their path toward this level of proficiency. At the Fall Officers Meeting in Abingdon, VA, it was suggested that a forum for record keeping be established. Through this discussion I know that there are many of you who use computers to keep up with the needs of your patrols. What I would ask is that any and every patroller who uses or sees a need for computers in ski patrolling share them through the Records Coordinator. The hope is to bring together the massive wealth of information for the betterment of the whole division. If you have found or developed a program which you feel has helped a need you have, please share it with the rest of us. Also, if you have a problem which you cannot solve, share it. I'm sure there is one patroller in our division who had a similar problem and has a solution. I do not profess to have all the answers, but with your help I'm sure we can take care of any need. If this sounds like a service you can benefit from, let me know how I can help you.

Ian K. Nesbit
Records Coordinator
1102 Wynbrook Dr., S.W.
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Any NSPS patrols needing a FCC radio license can now apply for one by first contacting me at P.O. Box 208, Mountain Home, NC 28758, or call me at (704) 693-1554. The cost for a NSPS patrol FCC license is currently \$185.00. Area managements may also contact me if they want to obtain a FCC business radio license. The cost for a business license is \$135.00. Remember — ski area managements are not allowed on special emergency frequencies. If you need a FCC radio license, now is the time to get it because the private coordination company will probably increase their fees at a later date.

I now have access to Motorola "Radius" series radios. There are several models to choose from; for instance, a two channel one watt, two watt, or five watt. There is also a five watt six channel available. The Henry five watt, 3500 channel synthesized unit for \$375 is still the best buy. The Motorola radios sell for \$235-\$555 retail.

Please contact me if I can be of service to you on your telecommunication needs.

Please remember:

1. Use your call signs at least once every 30 min. if you are using FCC granted radio frequencies.
2. Post a copy of your license in a conspicuous place.
3. Have your equipment checked out by a qualified radio technician.
4. Be cooperative and courteous when interference occurs.
5. Do not use profanity.
6. Do not use communications of a personal nature.
7. BE PROFESSIONAL.

Richard H. Woodlee (Rick)

ATLANTA'S GIFT

Those who worked got paid. That was the Atlanta Ski Club's idea this past year, when the annual Swap Shop monies were tallied.

Even though the club lost money on the Swap Shop this year — the first time that's happened — the organization still donated \$1500 to our ski patrol. Of that total, \$500 went directly to Southern Division; \$1000 was divided among the ski areas whose representatives helped with the sale. Rewarded according to the number of hours its patrollers put into the sale were: Beech, \$75; Sugar, \$125; Sky Valley, \$200; Scaly Mountain, \$250; Cataloochee, \$350.

According to Bill Dunaway, ASC spokesman, bad timing (Halloween weekend), location (World Congress Center, difficult to get items in and out of), and lack of publicity were blamed for the unprofitable year. Unfortunately, the 1988 Swap Shop will be in the same location; but a change in dates — to Oct. 21, 22 and 23 — should help. Let's hope so: The Atlanta Ski Club is one of our major supporters.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

SPECIAL OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

The National Ski Patrol will be part of the Fourth International Special Olympics Winter Games to be held from April 1-8, 1989 in Reno, Nevada and at Lake Tahoe, California. Competition sites include Squaw Valley, site of the 1960 Olympic Winter Games, National's first Olympic participation for Alpine events, and Royal Gorge for Nordic competitions. More than 1,400 athletes, children and adults with mental retardation from the U.S. and more than 20 countries, are expected to attend and participate.

You can be a part of the NSP contingent at this event. All you need is to be a registered National patroller who enjoys working with special athletes, have the ability to be at Reno/Tahoe from April 1-8, 1989, provide your own transportation, room and board, and you're in. Both Alpine and Nordic patrollers are needed. Here's an opportunity for you to help these athletes challenge themselves to the fullest and to help recognize them on their successes. You can do this while being part of the Special Olympics Fourth International Winter Games Ski Patrol.

More about this in the November newsletter.

PATROL

However, earning the ski patrol jacket has always been, and will continue to be, a tough task.

Training for new members began in mid-October. Over the next two months, they learned first aid and winter emergency care while improving their individual ski skills.

To earn a place on the patrol, skiers had to pass Funkhouser's demanding evaluation on the first attempt. Most people did fine on the first aid but needed help in mastering their ski skills.

“It was tough, but I think it will be well worth it,” said Brigitte Junker, a senior at Seoul American High School.

“I was a lifeguard at the pool this summer and had taken CPR training and first aid before. Still this was hard, since the ski patrol's standards are very high.

“But if you like skiing and want to improve your skiing, I certainly recommend joining the patrol. I will do my best to promote good relations with the Korean skiers and help improve ski safety.”

Brigitte's mother, Gret, passed her final exam in early January while her daughter was patrolling the slopes.

Gret said the toughest thing for her was learning all of the medical terms in English, since she knows them by their German names. Born and raised in Switzerland, Gret and her family have resided in Korea since 1971.

“Even though I've been skiing more than 30 years, my daughter was a great help to me in passing the ski patrol tests,” said the mother. “Especially since she has grown up here in Korea

and attended the American high school.

“If I only help somebody once then all the training and effort will have been worth it. I will be a better skier, know first aid, and be able to help anywhere I ski in the future.”

The ski patrol's main goal is to put trained skiers on the slopes to provide emergency care — and to make people aware of its importance.

“We really hope that they will implement training and education programs for their patrols close to our standards,” said Bensen. “Hopefully, someday our services won't be needed.

“But as long as there are U.S. forces and Americans skiing in Korea and we see a need for professional ski patrols, we will serve on the slopes.”

**TSgt. Alen Dockery
KORUS**



Preston Funkhouser examines Alison Strugstad's leg for possible fractures during a practice “emergency” session.

PHOTO BY TSGT ALAN DOCKERY

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PATROL NEWS

Cumberland Gardens Patroller Exam

This is a small but energetic ski area overlooking portions of East Tennessee's beautiful Cumberland Plateau and Valleys which held its exam on January 24, 1988. It was preceded by a training clinic on Saturday afternoon during which all candidates participated (including Whit Sterling, a former world class ski racer, and now area manager). Enthusiasm, patience, and practice by the candidates made for an effective clinic.

The exam got underway early the next day. It was readily apparent that all the participants were not only ready, but on top of it. Ten candidates took the exam and ten candidates passed — a rare treat indeed. Those passing included Tom Tryon, Whit Sterling, Tom Randorf, Charlie Henley, Joe Schorn, Nathan Seay, Tom Jenkins, Matt Thiesing, Bobby Banken, and Kerry Feder. Congratulations!

Roger Bollinger, Janie Bollinger, and Gary Riser conducted the clinic and exam. They expressed their appreciation to Brad Smallen for a well trained group and to Cumberland Gardens for their gracious reception. This is a neat place to visit whether you're skiing or testing the golf links.

R.W.B. & J.K.B.

Sapphire Valley

Sapphire had a reasonably successful '87-88 ski season in that we had a low accident rate and none too serious, due in large part to the resumption of routine snow grooming to the hill after a 3-year hiatus. We appreciate the fact that the new area manager recognized the importance of a well-groomed hill to skier safety and area marketing efforts. Because of our small hill, we normally have a low accident rate. The increased patrol emphasis is then directed to PR work so that family skiers, especially, will want to return to our "fun place to ski."

Candidate training showed an improvement last year as we had Tommy Dillard pass the qualifying tests and move up from Auxiliary status to Patroller. We begin the new season with three or four candidates who will be receiving attention from our ex-PL and new Training Officer, Jim Bradley.

At our annual dinner at the end of the season, Jim Holmbeck and Eddie Coleman were elected PL and Asst. PL, respectively. Our Outstanding Patroller award went to Jim Monteith and was well-deserved.

Jim Holmbeck, PL

Scaly Mountain

This past season has been very successful at Ski Scaly, not only profitable for management but also for the patrol. Gene Head, Ski Scaly owner and manager, is investing in more snow making equipment and a better snow groomer. We recognized many of our patrollers for their contributions this past season: Outstanding patroller is Chuck Latkoff. Chuck is our Assistant Patrol Director in charge of proficiency. Most Improved patroller is Mark Joseph. Mark showed a renewed enthusiasm toward patrolling, something we all need at times. The "Light of Scaly" award was presented to Clark Collins for his actions during the only blackout at Scaly. Clark used his flashlight to search the slope boundaries for skiers who may have skied off the slope during the blackout. Clark is our Assistant Proficiency Advisor for the 1988-89 season. Another point of pride is the 1988-89 candidate class where four basic and three auxiliary patrollers joined our ranks. Basic patrollers are Dick Boyer, Ken Collins (no relation to Clark), Terri Sizemore and Randy Young. Auxiliary patrollers are Ben Cowart, Rick Legakis and Bobby Thrasher.

We are looking forward to another successful season and another dynamic candidate class. If you would like to experience the best skiing in the Deep South, come visit us. Even if there is not enough snow, you will not have a bad experience at the "friendly family" ski area.

Ian K. Nesbit - Patrol Director

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Sugar Mountain

I am proud of the job that the Sugar Mountain Patrol did during the 1987-88 season. This was the third season in succession that all of our patrollers skied their required number of days. The crowd control was excellent and I feel this resulted in a marked decrease in the number of serious injuries that occurred at our mountain.

Area management is aware of our performance, has continued to compliment it, and we anticipate a continuation of this very desirable relationship.

Training went well for us again this past season. The in-service on-the-hill training went smoothly, and as you can imagine, this attitude carried over into our candidate training program. We had three candidates pass their basic tests. Congratulations to Liz Poplawski, and Nancy and Clarence Ilderton who were rewarded for all of their hard work the past two seasons. Nancy and Clarence are our first husband and wife team who passed their tests the same season.

The lodge building at Sugar is undergoing complete renovation this summer and fall, and when completed will certainly be a big plus for our skiers.

We kicked off our 1988-89 season on August 13 with what has become a traditional mid-summer work day. Thirty of our patrollers attended the Basic Life Support CPR refresher course taught by Chuck Hancock, Jerry Ward, and Woody Hammett. It was good to see everyone again. We had an opportunity to renew friendships and lay the groundwork for the coming season. We all are looking forward to another year of doing what Sugar does best, serve the skiing public.

Flynn Harris, Volunteer PL

Wolf Laurel

The 1987-88 ski season was somewhat disappointing. The weather was variable and there was uncertainty in the direction and future of the area due to a change in management. A new management team leased the area for a trial season and their success or failure created an atmosphere of skepticism among all employees and patrollers. However, our patrollers maintained a professional attitude throughout the season and successfully completed our duties for the area, the patrol and the Dixie Region.

We had a challenging Senior Ski Examination for the Dixie Region and awarded Senior Classification for three patrollers. The new Seniors are Chris Wilde, Alex Filliss and Phil Critcher, all from Wolf Laurel. The Basic Patroller Examination was successfully completed by four of eight participants. Congratulations to Lee Wilkinson, Barry Penley, Lynn Bradley and Alen Lamberson. Wolf Laurel also provided test judges for ski examinations at Cataloochee, Ober-Gatlinburg and the Deep South Section.

Melinda Waldrep was awarded a plaque by the patrol for outstanding service to the patrol. Rick Woodlee, Division Communications advisor, successfully completed the very difficult task of assisting the granting of F.C.C. licenses for all patrols in the division.

PROS NEEDED

Hound Ears Ski Area is in need of a "Pro" patroller for the holiday season this year. Patrollers interested in this paid position should contact Laura Carter (Slope Manager) at 704-963-4321.

Lee T. Wittmann

Professional ski patrollers are needed at Beech Mountain Resort for the 1988-89 ski season. Patrollers must be at least 18 years old and a registered member of N.S.P. Five positions are available. If interested contact me.

Gil Adams, PL

Homestead Patrol is in need of a professional patroller. Room and board plus \$\$\$. Contact Peter Steinfatt (804) 357-7451.

A PRESEASON TUNE-UP

In response to the preseason training needs expressed by professional directors who are preparing their staff for the season, the Certified Program is organizing a training opportunity at Snowshoe for November 25, 26, 27.

Participants may be professional or volunteer and three levels of instruction will be offered — entry level patroller (no previous patrolling experience), seasoned patroller (one or more years patrolling experience), and trainer. All participants must be registered with the NSP.

Each participant will receive a day of skiing instruction from a PSIA instructor, a day of sled handling instruction, and a day of first aid instruction. Topics such as slope safety and risk management will be addressed throughout the course. Electives will be offered during the evening which may include skier awareness strategies, risk management, use of ropes in patrolling, maintaining your personal gear, what is new in first aid equipment, etc.

The instruction for the entry level patroller will focus primarily on preparing first year professionals to transfer their first aid knowledge to the snow with an approach which minimizes exposure and error as well as on developing their skiing and sled handling abilities. We feel strongly that this training must be carefully followed up at their home area, so we will fully scholarship one trainer from each participating patrol.

Trainers will attend workshops oriented toward developing their knowledge and skills as trainers as well as receiving detailed suggestions on how to develop a continuing education program for their professional patrol. Team teaching with experienced trainers will provide participants with down-to-earth training experiences.

Seasoned patrollers who wish to sharpen their skills before the season is upon them will work to refine their approach to accidents on the slope as well as on developing more sophisticated sled handling skills.

The cost of the clinic will be \$90.00 which will include one dinner, lift tickets, PSIA instruction, publications and materials. Register by November 7 by sending your name, address, phone, patrol, patroller status, whether you wish to share a room with someone else, and \$50.00 to Brandon Deane (Certified Advisor). I will send you information on accommodations, who is attending, a tentative schedule, and materials by November 10th. First come, first serve.

Brandon Dean
Certified Adv.

SOUTHERN DIVISION-NSP SKI TRIP

Attention Senior Candidates

We are getting a small group (about 20) of patrollers together for a week at Gray Rocks Ski Area in Canada. Because our ski season in the South is so short, we feel that we will greatly benefit from a week of pre-season training with one of the best ski schools in North America. Gray Rocks is renowned as a teaching and training area. We will depart December 11 and return home December 17.

This trip package includes:

- Roundtrip airfare Atlanta/Montreal via Delta Airlines
- Accommodations in two-bedroom condominium units
- Twenty-two hours of ski instruction
- Ground transfers from Dorval Airport in Montreal
- Lift tickets
- Three meals per day (fine French cuisine)

Gray Rocks is a complete resort, and also offers complimentary use of their spa (swimming pool, hot tubs, sauna, mini-gym); planned entertainment in the Snow Eagle Lounge each evening; and shuttle bus service at the ski area.

6 persons per condo	\$897.00/person
5 persons per condo	\$920.00/person
4 persons per condo	\$957.00/person

Trip price is based on departure from Atlanta. The airfare is deductible if you wish to arrange your own transportation.

For more information on this trip, contact Mark Randall of Sky Valley at (800) 342-8050; or Sylvia Talley at Scaly Mtn. at (404) 984-1999.

Sylvia Talley

BE PREPARED FOR YOUR REFRESHER

The past four months have seen a lot of activity among WEC instructors as they prepare for the upcoming refreshers. All instructors have participated in a pre-refresher clinic to prepare themselves for testing and have been assigned responsibilities. All patrollers should have received their copy of the summer issue of the patrol magazine with the refresher study guide and test. Please complete your test prior to your arriving at the refresher. Don't wait until you get there!

Stations will be set up at the refreshers and will be manned by WEC instructors. Each patroller will be expected to complete all stations in a satisfactory manner. Failure to pass a station will require repeating it at the end of the day. Repeated failure will mean having to enroll in a WEC Course on a bridge basis and passing the deficiency in order to be signed on as a patroller.

The WEC regional administrators are:

Dixie, Sylvia Talley 700 Huntington Ave., Marietta, GA 30067
Blue Ridge, Bernie Smith 1317 Dayton Street, Greensboro, NC 27407
Skyline (Eastern), Greg Bradley 530 Washington Place, Norfolk, VA 23517
Skyline (Western), David Caudell P.O. Box 1599 Huntington, WV 25716
Skyline (Western), Asst. Bob Bodamer, 114 Columbus, South Point, OH 45680

Address any questions or requests regarding WEC to the above. Patrol Directors should now have their WEC Patroller list from last year and should turn this over to the lead instructor for their refresher. The lead instructor should complete their records and send them to National within two weeks of the completed refresher. If you plan to attend a refresher out of your designated area, please secure a letter from your PL requesting authorization to take the refresher at another area along with a return envelope to them so that confirmation of attendance can be recorded by the PL where the patroller is registered. I would encourage all patrollers to order their own copy of the WEC Manual from National. This is now available at a cost of \$19.50. See order instructions in the summer issue of the Patrol Magazine. Let's all get our body and mind tuned up for a good year of patrolling.

Jim

FUND-RAISING NEWS

It's true. The Southern Division is planning a raffle. Starting the moment you get your tickets (at the fall refreshers) and going until Valentine's Day.

The grand prize? Aspen in April . . . a week of skiing for 2 (airfare, hotel and lift tickets). Plus each region will have prizes of ski equipment or ski trips.

Patrollers are eligible to win, and the top-selling patrol and patroller in each region will receive a special bonus.

So, let's start selling tickets! By the way, the first ticket is sold . . . to NSP's Executive Director, Steve Over.

P.S. If you need more tickets, contact Dee-Dee Bauer at (404) 253-2721 or your regional fund-raising advisor (see below).

Clarence M. & Nancy Ilderton	Blue Ridge
Maryanna Clemmshaw	Dixie
Jack Shields (John W.)	Skyline

FAME AND FORTUNE!!

The second annual Southern Division Photography Contest will be held this year with a deadline of February 28, 1989.

As the winners of last year's contest will tell you, this can mean fame and fortune. In addition to Wayne Yoder, Massanutten, and Lee Wittman, Hound Ears, collecting respectively first and second prizes of \$25 and \$10, their entries will appear in Southern Division's ad in the 1988-89 issue of SKIERS SOUTHEASTERN COMPANION, an annual hardback guide to skiing in our part of this country.

Two categories again: full color and black and white. We are looking for sharp photographs of NSP's patrollers, in uniform, in action; vertical and horizontal shots.

Get your cameras dusted off, loaded with film and ready for the first snowfall. Entries can be mailed any time prior to the deadline — February 28 — to me at 756 Lancaster Road, Augusta, GA 30909.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

"JOIN THE CERTIFIED PROGRAM"

The certified program has been created to meet the following objectives:

To promote a good working relationship between the ski patrol and area management.

To encourage a high level of proficiency in both professional and volunteer patrollers through training and testing of both certified and other patrollers.

To promote a level of active patrolling in which there is no compromise of excellence in skiing, winter emergency care techniques, patrol management, administration, and leadership, and to use these talents to promote safety in the sport of skiing.

To encourage and promote direct relationships and the exchange of techniques and information between professional and volunteer patrollers.

Are you a seasoned patroller in the Southern Division? If so, please consider participating in the certified program (either the Advanced Patroller Clinic and/or the Certified Examination process). While the program provides a structure for growth and development of our leadership, its life's blood is the wide range of ideas brought into the program by its participants. This is an excellent opportunity to share in an exchange of ideas and concepts with experienced patrollers (both professional and volunteer) from all over the division as well as from outside the division.

You can get more information by contacting your regional certified representative or me:

Dixie	Lynn Pace (Professional Advisor)	Gatlinburg
Blue Ridge	Steve Benbow (Junior Advisor)	Hawksnest
Skyline	Brandon Deane (Certified Advisor)	Wintergreen

The Certified Exam will be held at Snowshoe on March 17, 18, and 19. Registration must be completed by February 18th to insure that you receive the materials needed to complete the take-home portion of the exam before you arrive at Snowshoe as well as to make possible the scheduling and equipping of the ten-part exam process.

Brandon Deane

MOUNTAINEERING

The Ski Mountaineering program is gearing up for an action packed season with four Basic Ski Mountaineering Courses and one Advanced Ski Mountaineering course on the schedule. A brief description of these courses is described below. The four Basic courses are at Wintergreen on Nov. 19, 20 (Doug Molyneaux, coordinator), Snowshoe on Nov. 26, 27 (Bob Bodamer, coordinator), Blue Ridge on Dec. 3, 4 (Mark Taylor, coordinator) and Dixie on Dec. 10, 11 (Milt Triplett and Andy Meacham, coordinators). NOTICE: In order to better meet the needs of the Southern Division Patrollers, the Advanced Ski Mountaineering course has been scheduled for Mar. 10-12 in the Roan Mountain area. Ski Mountaineering instructors, we are trying to update our instructor list. Please send your name, address, telephone number and instructor rating (trainee, divisional, or national) to Bobby Harbin, Rt. 2, Box 511, Caryville, TN 37714. A tentative instructor meeting is being planned for the Spring Convention next April.

Bobby Harbin
Mountaineering Advisor

NORDIC NEWS

On behalf of all the Southern Division Nordic Patrollers, I want to thank Milt Triplett for his excellent leadership of the Nordic program during the past three years. I ask everyone's help in carrying on the tradition of excellence in the Nordic program. This year's plans are underway to conduct a Senior Nordic Ski Training Clinic. This year the clinic will be led by Dennis Slagle with a tentative date of January 28, 1989 at Beech Mountain. There are two Basic/Senior Nordic ski exams scheduled for Feb. 11-12 and Feb. 25-26. (See the calendar of events.) Senior candidates don't forget the bivouac requirement. The best time to meet this requirement is at the Advanced Ski Mountaineering Course. Nordic patrollers, I would like to get your ideas and comments on how we can make the Southern Division Nordic program even better and stronger than it is now. We also want to welcome two new Nordic patrols to the Southern Division: the White Grass Nordic at White Grass Touring Center and Shanandoah Nordic in the Shenandoah National Forest.

Jim Reed
Nordic Advisor

SKI MOUNTAINEERING

Basic Ski Mountaineering Course

The purpose of the Basic course is to introduce the patroller to the skills of living in the outdoors in a winter setting and an introduction to the skills for finding and caring for the customers who may have strayed from the ski area. A short overnight camping trip is included in the course (a trip of approx. 1-1½ miles). Most ski mountaineering instructors, fellow patrollers, will be more than willing to lend you equipment for this trip. You might even try your local Boy Scout troop. In this course, classwork is typically conducted in the morning and early afternoon, then a hike in to set up camp before dinner time. After some field work on Sunday morning, you are generally back to the classroom for critique and the trip home by noon. Check the calendar of events and come join us for some FUN in November and December.

Advanced Ski Mountaineering Course

The purpose of this course is to expand on the outdoor skills learned in the Basic course and to practice search and rescue (SAR) techniques. This is a three-day course with classroom work being conducted on Friday. The field work begins late Friday afternoon with a return to the classroom for critique of the course late Sunday morning. Typically, a SAR exercise is conducted Saturday afternoon after the morning learning sessions are completed. In this exercise, the students fill the SAR leadership positions. The skills included in this course include travel in the wilderness, camping, map and compass, food planning and preparation, rope use, medical emergencies, equipment, search and rescue, and team leadership. Contact any mountaineering instructor for more information. Come join us at Roan Mountain for some fun and a unique learning experience.

Jim Reed
Dixie Region
Mountaineering Advisor

AVALANCHE COURSES

Advanced Avalanche "Patch" Refresher

The Avalanche "Patch" refresher will be held the weekend of January 14-15, 1989 in the Beach Mountain area. Specific location and times will be provided later. Be prepared to locate and rescue the victim(s). All current patch holders are required to refresh in order to remain current. All division avalanche instructors will also be required to participate in order to remain active.

See you all at the big "Avalanche".

A Western Adventure

Or Advanced Avalanche "Patch Course"

The Southern Division will conduct an advanced avalanche "patch" course during the '88-89 ski season if sufficient participation can be generated (10 or more). This is a great opportunity to gain a deeper insight into and an intimate relationship with the environment which provides the winter sports enthusiast with such thrills and enjoyment. Translation — you have to be good and a little crazy to go to those areas where you will wallow around in thigh-high powder with a 12-foot probe pole in hand or dig a six-foot snow pit in order to climb into it to look at snowflakes and take the temperature of the snow.

We are considering two dates for the course — February 4-11 or March 11-18. Please contact Ron Geist or Kevin Minix to express interest and a preference for February or March. Please contact us by December 1st in order to ensure that a course can be organized.

Ron Geist
Avalanche Adv.

ATTENTION ALL PATROL DIRECTORS

As some or several of you may know, I now keep our scrapbooks for the Southern Division. When you plan your Fall Refreshers, please ask your Patrollers to bring their parkas to the Refresher for a group photo (each patrol has at least one shutterbug). Please send a copy of your group photo to: 700 Huntington Place, Marietta, GA 30067. Also, please include two or three copies of your area brochure. Thanks!

Sylvia Talley
Division Archivist/Historian

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FROM THE D.D.

Every year about this time I think I've probably seen the most unusual winter weather. This year is no different; just the opposite of last year. Have no fear, good skiing weather is coming.

We have just ended an outstanding Executive Committee meeting. A lot was covered and decided by a dedicated group of people. You will all be interested in the fact that we decided to split the Skyline Region into two regions. The new regions will be appropriately named the Virginia and West Virginia Regions and will be set up as follows:

Virginia Region — Keith Argow, Region Director
James River Section — Eric Engelbrektsson, Section Chief
Wintergreen — Carrol Harris, Vol — P.L.
Doug Molyneaux, Pro — P.L.
Homestead — Peter Steinfat, Vol — P.L.
"Salty" Schaltegger, Pro — P.L.
Shenandoah Section — Bill Watson, Section Chief
Massanutten — Bill Watson, Vol — P.L.
Kenny Hess, Pro — P.L.
Shenandoah Nordic — Paul Anderson — P.L.

West Virginia Region — Bob Bodamer, Region Director
Allegheny Section — Jan Starr, Section Chief
Silver Creek — Jan Starr — P.L.
Snowshoe — David Kennedy — P.L.
Blackwater Section — Randy Blackburn, Section Chief
Timberline — Dan Collins — P.L.
White Grass Nordic — Bill Olden — P.L.
Cranberry Nordic — Evelyn Hutchison — P.L.
Elk River Nordic — John Eilers — P.L.

Congratulations to all these new officers of the Southern Division. Please give them your cooperation.

Jim Underwood reports that the Divisional finances are in good shape. All patrols are registered as of this date so Jim is happy.

Our Division drawing is progressing well with 14,500 tickets distributed to date. Tickets are easy to sell because we've got a great prize. I ask each of you to fully participate in this program. If you do, we will all be better off and each of your patrols will have money for its own patrol use. Dee-Dee Bauer, our fund-raising advisor, has done an outstanding job and we need to support her in this great effort. As you sell tickets please send the money to Steve Waldrip at once, but hold your ticket stubs until February 14th when they should be sent to Bob Riddle. Remember the drawing is on the 28th of February.

Of interest to you all is the fact that there will be an election for a new Division Director on the 24th of March. I'm sure you will be hearing from the people who intend to run for this office. I urge you to express your preference to your officers who will vote on this. In the past we have had one of the highest percentages of participating voters of any division. There is no excuse for any officer failing to vote. Please insist that your officer votes. Also, remember that this should not be a popularity contest, but an election to pick a person to represent the Southern Division on the Board of Directors of a multi-million dollar Corporation. A Corporation that will keep our division progressing in a manner that will continue to make us proud to be members of the Southern Division and the National Ski Patrol.

During our Executive Committee meeting we attempted to bring our 1988-89 roster up-to-date on names, addresses and phone numbers of all Officers and Advisors. The new roster is included in this issue of the Southern Cross.

Jim Hunter reported on the WEC program's progress this year. We held 8 refreshers this fall and all went well. Patrollers continue to like the new OEC manual and enjoy the way refreshers are being run. We continue to solicit your ideas and concerns.

Everyone says that people start promoting Christmas earlier each year. I'm going to take a page out of that book and tell you about the plans for the Spring Convention. I would like to see as many of you as possible come this year. It will be held in Abingdon at the historic Martha Washington Inn. You may be sure that French and Mary Ann Moore will do their usual great job of setting up the meetings, getting rooms, and making you comfortable. Those of you who have been there know what I'm talking about. Those of you that haven't, try it, you'll love it.

I've been asked to remind you that Sylvia Talley needs pictures from you for the scrap books. I know you all enjoy seeing the books so help her make them better. Charlie Benbow reminds us that now is the time to begin thinking about awards. Get your thoughts together and get your nominations done in a timely and professional manner. We had a super year last year and won several national awards because you did an outstanding job of presenting your case. I sure enjoyed receiving the awards at the National meeting in Boston, but had even more fun presenting them to the winners.

Harry Stowe reminds us he still has a lot of surplus equipment to distribute. Let him know what your needs are and he'll get it to you.

We have a new Divisional Testing Coordinator in the person of Delores Crosby. She will be working closely with all regional testing advisors to make sure tests are run as scheduled and that we have the proper number of testors at the tests. Welcome aboard, Delores. Everyone please cooperate fully with her.

Finally, Susan and I will be leaving on the 19th of January to attend the Mid-Winter Board meeting in Lakewood, CO. I understand that Doug Carlberg, Rick Roberts and Neil Boothe are also planning to be at the meeting to help keep up with all the things that are going on. It is great that these guys are willing to spend their time and money to promote the business of the Southern Division. I wonder if they're taking their skis?

I hope you all have a great season and Susan and I look forward to seeing many of the 900-plus patrollers out there.

Farris Jackson, D.D.

CALENDAR

- Feb. 11 Basic/Senior Nordic CST, Smoky Mountain Nordic
 11 Senior WEC Test, Wintergreen, VA
 11 Basic Nordic Test, Smoky Mountain Nordic, Cataloochee, NC
 11-12 Basic Patroller Test, Wintergreen, VA
 11-12 So. Div. Junior Training Seminar, Snowshoe, WV
 12 Basic Patroller Test, Smoky Mountain Section, Cataloochee, NC
 12 Basic Patroller Test, Deep South Section, Sky Valley, GA
 12 Senior Skiing and Toboggan Test, Wintergreen, VA
 21 Southern Cross Deadline
 25 WEC Course Final Exam, Massanutten, VA
 25 Senior WEC Exam, Beech Mtn., NC
 25 Basic/Senior Nordic Test, Elk River Nordic
 26 Basic Patroller Test
 • Massanutten, VA
 • Winterplace, WV
 26 Senior Skiing and Toboggan Test, Beech Mountain, NC
- Mar. 4 Basic Patroller Test, Timberline, WV
 4 Senior WEC Exam, Snowshoe, WV
 5 Senior Skiing and Toboggan Test, Snowshoe, WV
 8 Basic Patroller Test, Silvercreek, WV
 9 Back Country Navigation Course, Smoky Mountain Nordic
 9-10 Adv. Ski Mountaineering Course, Roan Mountain, TN
 17-19 Certified Patroller Test, Snowshoe, WV
- April 3 Award Applications Due to Advisor
 4 Line/Advisor Reports Due to DD
 28 Spring Executive Board Meeting, Abingdon, VA
 29 Southern Division Spring Meeting, Abingdon, VA
- Aug. 26-27 Fall Officers Meeting, Abingdon, VA
- Sept. 2 Southern Cross Deadline

SOUTHERN DIVISION DIRECTOR ELECTION

In accordance with Article III, Section 13.1 of the National Ski Patrol System By-Laws, we are entertaining nominations for the post of Southern Division Director.

All qualified candidates please apply in writing with a list of your qualifications to the Division Election Coordinator no later than February 15, 1989.

David P. Dillard

FUND-RAISING NEWS

The grand prize is a week of skiing in Aspen (includes lodging adjacent to the Silver Queen gondola, lift tickets and airfare) the first of April. Plus we have donations of ski equipment and ski weekends:

<i>Kastle RXTI Racing Ski</i>	<i>Massanutten Weekend</i>
<i>Solomon Binding</i>	<i>Wintergreen Resort</i>
<i>Elan Compres-S Ski (Bair's)</i>	<i>Winterplace Ski Resort</i>
<i>Alpine Ski Center</i>	<i>Scaly Mountain Weekend</i>
<i>(2- \$50 certificates)</i>	<i>Fairfield Sapphire Valley</i>
<i>Equipment from Wintersport</i>	<i>Hound Ears (golf weekend)</i>
<i>Ski Shop</i>	<i>Weekend at The Homestead</i>
<i>Ski Accessories from Ski</i>	<i>Season Pass at Cataloochee</i>
<i>Barn and Wintersport</i>	

And the patrollers in each region selling the most tickets will have their choice of Nishizawa skis or a gift certificate from the NSP catalog; runners-up get a pair of Bausch & Lomb glasses. Our thanks to the National Office for this donation.

Also, don't forget to familiarize yourself with the new yellow information cards. These cards (and envelopes) should be an automatic "closing" to every accident or inquiry about NSP.

The Division Drawing Update:

- Over 15,000 tickets distributed
- Highest selling region — Dixie
- Highest individual sales — 650 to Jan Gooding/Silvercreek
455 to Sylvia Talley/Scaly

Any more candidates out there?

LAST DAY TO SELL tickets is **Valentine's Day**.

DRAWING and prize notification will be **February 28th**.

Only 8 of 26 patrols have made deposits to Wachovia Bank. Keep that money rolling into the division! Call me ASAP if you will need more tickets.

Dee-Dee Bauer
(404) 253-2721

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Get in touch with Charles Benbow. Splints cost \$20/100. Send money to Jim Underwood.



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REGION NEWS

New Region Formed

On January 14, the Executive Committee approved splitting the Skyline Region into the West Virginia Region and the Virginia Region. The reorganization reflects the growth of the former Skyline Region to 11 patrols.

Last Fall, dual WEC, Proficiency, and Training/Testing Advisorships were established in the two states, which helped pave the way for a smooth transition in January.

I was the former Skyline Region Director and will become the Virginia Region Director. Bob Bodamer will be the new West Virginia Region Director, and Randy Blackburn will take his place as Blackwater Section Chief. Jan Starr continues as the Allegheny Section Chief. For Virginia, Eric Englebretsson is the James River Section Chief and Bill Watson is Shenandoah Section Chief.

Keith Argow
Virginia R.D.

Patrol Leaders Named

Bill Olden, a Timberline patroller, has been named leader of the nordic patrol at the White Grass Ski Touring Center — located between Timberline and Canaan Valley Ski areas in West Virginia.

Paul Anderson, a certified patroller from California, is the leader of the Shenandoah Nordic Patrol which will serve Shenandoah National Park and adjacent areas in Virginia. He and his wife Cheryl are also patrollers at Massanutten Ski Area.

Keith Argow
Virginia R.D.

Blue Ridge Region

Happy New Year patrollers. We got off to a great start this year. Good refreshers and skiing. We are suffering our usual January thaw. As usual, patrol leaders are finding out which patrollers have rain gear.

I'm sure by the time you read this, we will be back to full open mountains and snowy weather.

As you will read elsewhere, the raffle is going good. Please put a final push to sell what you have and turn in to your patrol leader the stubs and money.

Around the region — Hound Ears has a great new patrol room. Appalachian, Sugar, Mill Ridge and Hawksnest all expanded their lodges and they look great. The Roan Mountain Nordic area is operational. All the lift houses are completed at the top of Beech as is the new skier bridge to the back slope.

Pete Chamberlin
Blue Ridge R.D.

NORDIC NEWS

A Senior Candidate Nordic Ski Clinic will be held on Sunday, January 29, 1989 at Beech Mountain. Dennis Slagle will be the main instructor for this clinic. The purpose of this clinic is to assist patrollers in understanding the skiing requirements to become a Senior in the Nordic discipline and have a chance to practice these skills. Pre-registration is required. Please pre-register with either Dennis Slagle or Jim Reed. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Ski Patrol room on Beech Mountain.

Jim Reed
Nordic Advisor

ALUMNI NEWS

It's time to remember the Alumni Association.

We are slowly getting new members. You will be a big help by passing the word along. Welcome to Warren A. Blye, from Georgia. He worked with the Scaly Mountain Patrol for 4 years.

Heiner Ehrlich is the new Assistant Alumni Advisor. Heiner is a past patroller with many years of service. He and his wife, Rosey, always work hard on the Greensboro swap shop, and have since its onset.

A special message and request to all you currently active patrollers . . . everyone must know someone who has retired or left the NSPS for some other reason. Turn in their names and I will contact these people. No one should be allowed to get away from the movement we all believe in. Let's get them back into the system.

David P. Dillard
Alumni Advisor

1989 PHOTO CONTEST

Don't forget the contest this year! Prizes: \$\$\$!

Wanted: Good clear action shots showing parkas (new NSPS rather than area parkas, please). Enter either black and white or color division (or both).

Deadline for entries: I must have them by February 28th.

Benning Garrison
PR Advisor

RESORT AREA MINISTRIES

RAM is sponsoring a benefit barbeque dinner for the Ronnie and Sherry Woody Fund on Saturday, February 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Banner Elk Elementary School Cafeteria. Shadrack's Restaurant in Boone will be preparing barbeque, slaw, baked beans, bread, dessert and tea. Eat in or take out. Tickets are \$5.00 each. For advanced tickets, call Tom Moore at (704) 264-6605 or pay at the door.

Sherry was not only the outstanding professional patroller in our division, but also the outstanding professional patroller nationally in 1982.

Let's give this our full support!

SKI MOUNTAINEERING

There have already been several Basic Ski Mountaineering Courses held. The Advanced Course will begin on March 10 and continue thru March 12, 1989. The classroom work will begin Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Roan Mountain Rescue Squad, Highway 19E, Roan Mountain, Tennessee. The field work will begin late Friday afternoon. The skills for the Advanced Course will include snow travel, cold weather camping, map and compass, food planning and preparation, rope use, medical emergencies, equipment, search and rescue and team leadership. The course will end Sunday afternoon with a classroom critique. Contact any Mountaineering Instructor, or myself, for more information. All participants must be pre-registered (see application form). Any mountaineering instructor that would like to help with this course, please contact me.

Bobby Harbin
Mountaineering Advisor

OUTSTANDING AWARD NOMINATIONS

All outstanding award nominations are initiated at the patrol or section level and are to go through usual channels shown on the forms. The procedures for processing outstanding awards forms must be used. Forms should be xeroxed from the awards manual "Section 500 Awards" 1987 Edition.

Patrol leaders, section chiefs, and region directors were all given the new "Section 500 Awards."

All outstanding awards are due to the division awards advisor with a postmark by April 3, 1989.

Read the instructions very carefully. All nominations must be on the 1987 forms. Nominations on older forms will be returned and will not be considered.

Charles T. Benbow
Awards Adv.

**ADVANCED MOUNTAINEERING COURSE
1988-1989**

There will be an Advanced Ski Mountaineering Patch Course March 10, 11, and 12 at Roan Mountain, Tennessee. The classroom work will be held at Roan Mountain Rescue Squad on U.S. Rt. 19E.

The classroom section will begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday morning, March 10. The field work will be Friday night through Sunday afternoon. All participants must pre-register using the form below with a signed recommendation from either their Patrol Leader or a Division Mountaineering Instructor. Send your application and course fee to Bobby Harbin by March 1, 1989. All information needed for the course will then be mailed to you.

This course is open to registered patrollers with Circle M and Circle A, Forest Service, Park Service and Rescue Squad personnel possessing the basic equipment (cross country skis and/or snow shoes required), knowledge, mental and physical stamina to take part in a survival-type winter weekend. The course is also open to alumni of previous courses. Course fee includes printed material to be mailed or handed out.

NSPS MEMBER (1st TIME PARTICIPANTS) \$10.00
PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS (BOTH NSPS AND OTHERS) 5.00



**NATIONAL PATROL SYSTEM, SOUTHERN DIVISION
APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED SKI MOUNTAINEERING COURSE**

Name _____ Home Phone _____ Office Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

NSPS Registration # _____

NSPS Patrol _____ Region _____

Circle A Card # _____ Circle M Card # _____ Year Attended _____

Evidence of winter mountaineering experience other than Circle M course. _____

Other general mountaineering experience including schools, etc. _____

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Fee Enclosed \$ _____

Division Ski Mountaineering Instructor or Patrol Leaders Recommendation:

I hereby approve and recommend the above patroller as candidate for the Advanced Ski Mountaineering Patch Course.

Signed _____

RETURN APPLICATION TO:
Bobby Harbin, Mountaineering Advisor
Route 2, Box 511
Caryville, TN 37714

**SOUTHERN DIVISION, N.S.P.S.
APPROVED BUDGET
1988-1989**

Income	Actual 1987-88	Proposed 1988-89
Member Dues	\$10,516.00	\$11,000.00
Donations	800.00	800.00
Interest	1,401.37	1,600.00
Southern Cross Adv.	300.00	300.00
Misc. Sales (splints)	423.50	500.00
PSIA Clinic Income	180.00	-0-
NSPS National Meeting	5,154.79*	-0-
	<u>\$18,775.66</u>	<u>\$14,200.00**</u>

* Non-recurring income

** Does not include income expected from raffle

**APPROVED EXPENSES
1988-1989**

Expense	Approved Travel	Total Approved 1988-89
Donations	\$-0-	\$1,200.00
Division Director	900.00	1,350.00
1st Assistant, D.D.		50.00
Ass't. Div. Dir. — Staff	410.00	550.00
Ass't. Div. Dir. — Line	900.00	1,140.00*
Professional Dir.	250.00	350.00
Newsletter — Printing		1,800.00
Postage		800.00
Labels		85.00
Treasurer/Registration Meetings (Divisional)		225.00
Dixie Reg. Director	55.00	350.00
Blue Ridge Reg. Director	100.00	250.00
Skyline Reg. Director	160.00	200.00
Carolina Highlands Section		50.00
Grandfather Section		50.00
Cumberland Section		25.00
Deep South Section	15.00	65.00
Smoky Mtn. Section	25.00	50.00
Allegheny Section	50.00	50.00
Blackwater Section	50.00	100.00
Virginia Section	50.00	130.00
Advisors (see below)	3,050.00	15,545.00
TOTAL APPROVED	\$6,015.00	\$24,685.00

Advisors		
National Advisors Meetings	\$250.00	\$250.00
Archivist/Historian		90.00
Auxiliary		35.00
Avalanche	400.00	715.00
Awards		1,800.00
Certified	100.00	800.00
Communications	100.00	330.00
Equipment (FED)		50.00
Fund Raising		1,900.00
Junior		250.00
Legal		-0-
Lift Evacuation		25.00
Medical		-0-
Mountaineering		50.00
Nordic	300.00	350.00
Public Relations		3,850.00
Records Coordinator		100.00
Ski Safety		200.00
Proficiency Advisor	1,600.00	1,920.00
Patroller Development Program		2,080.00
WECC	300.00	750.00
ADVISOR'S TOTAL	\$3,050.00	\$15,545.00

* Includes 1987-88 expenses

WEC COURSES

NSP Membership Requirements for Candidate Training

This breakout of WEC Trainee Packets has been used in many division meetings to explain candidate training requirements and costs.

The packets actually include two parts of the candidate requirements as specified in The Ski Patroller's Manual — so \$49.50 is not entirely for the WEC program. Also, note that the course administration fee of \$9.00 covers the issuance of the card following completion of the course and is not reimbursed if the candidate does not satisfy all WEC requirements.

1. WINTER EMERGENCY CARE
 - Outdoor Emergency Care Textbook..... \$19.50
 - Winter Emergency Care Workbook..... 9.00
 - Course Administration, 9.00
 - Including WEC Technician Certification, Instructor Program Administration
 - TOTAL WEC COST \$37.50**
2. NSP ORGANIZATION AND HISTORY
 - The Ski Patroller's Manual \$12.00
 - WEC TRAINEE PACKET FEE \$49.50**
3. CPR
 - ARC or AHA Fees
4. GENERAL SKIING PROFICIENCY
5. TOBOGGAN HANDLING PROCEDURE
6. LOCAL PATROL PROCEDURES

WEC PROGRAM

All of the Fall refreshers using the WEC format have been completed; and, for the most part, came through with good results. We are all still learning and promise to make next year's refreshers even better and more of a learning experience.

There are numerous WEC courses in progress and many that have been completed. I had the privilege of participating in the final test given at Sky Valley under the tutelage of Bill Warner. This was Bill's second group of WEC candidates and they all seemed well prepared. However, no one could quite understand how the extraction of a jeep from three feet of water in a creek constituted part of an on-the-hill practical. Bill seemed to be the only one interested in this exercise.

I have received numerous requests from patrollers requesting information on how to become an instructor or instructor trainer. Those wishing to become instructor trainers should have their names submitted by their patrol directors directly to the Regional WEC Administrators. They will appoint these positions as needed and advise you on your acceptance. The general guidelines are that you have been a WEC instructor for several years or have teaching experience in a first aid curriculum that would be beneficial to the WEC program. Those wishing to become instructors should submit their names by way of their patrol director or instructor trainer on their patrol to the Regional Administrator. Instructor clinics will be held this summer in each region and you will be notified and invited to attend. A WEC prerefrresher clinic will be held in early Fall that you will be required to attend.

In order to clear up any misunderstanding, I will state the following requirements for an individual desiring to register as a candidate:

They must be enrolled in a WEC course, or they must hold a current EMT or ARC advanced first aid card and be enrolled in a WEC course on a bridge basis, or be willing to challenge the WEC course at testing. This allows the interested individual, regardless of the availability of a WEC course in their area, to obtain from their local ARC or EMT facility the requirements necessary for registration as a candidate and to be able to bridge the WEC course on an informal basis with no time requirement as to attendance. An individual may not be classified as an auxiliary or basic patroller until they have completed the WEC program and have been certified by a WEC instructor as having passed.

It is hoped that each patrol has a training instructor for the WEC program and that an in-house or continuing education program has been started for all patrollers. I realize that trying to start this during an ongoing ski season is difficult. However, if just 30 minutes per week can be set aside for continuing education, the rewards can be greater knowledge, confidence and higher professional status.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the regional administrators and instructor trainers, instructors and those instructor trainers who served as the lead instructors at the refreshers for a job well done. Everyone at national has worked very hard at creating a super program. Warren Bowman has given us a textbook we can truly be proud of. Let all of these people know how much we appreciate their efforts when you talk or write to them. Your comments, good or bad, would be appreciated.

Jim Hunter

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SOUTHERN DIVISION CAPTURES TOP HONORS!

The Southern Division struck gold at this year's NSP Annual Meeting in Sun Valley, Idaho. The Friends of Minnie Dole Award for the outstanding alpine ski patrol was presented to the **Wintergreen Patrol**. Also, claiming first place honors was **Lyn Herrick** of the Hawksnest Patrol. Lyn was the recipient of the Harry G. Pollard Award presented each year to the outstanding professional ski patroller. Receiving the awards from National Chairman Marlen Guell was Southern Division Director Doug Carlberg.



The 126 member Wintergreen Patrol was runner-up for the award last season, and according to Patrol Director Carroll Harris, was determined to capture the top position this year. Patrol organization including a comprehensive patrol manual, a 98% member retention rate and ongoing patroller training programs covering all aspects of ski patrolling were a few items cited in the commendation. However, the patrol's most noteworthy accomplishments were in the area of public service. They raised \$25,000 for the Special Olympics by conducting the Wintergreen Winterfest in downtown Richmond, Virginia. With 37% of the patrol membership serving as either region or division officers, the commitment to leadership is apparent. The State of Virginia Governor's Award for Civic Responsibility was but one of seven public service citations received by the patrol from municipalities and industry.

Lyn Herrick, in her six years as Pro Director at Ski Hawksnest has twice been recognized as the Southern Division's most outstanding professional patroller. This year Lyn's dedication and tireless efforts earned her the national recognition she deserves. The NSP's most outstanding professional patroller is a candidate in the Certified program and is active with her son in the Junior Program. In addition to her patrolling seven days a week during ski season, she serves as a WEC Instructor Trainer and conducts WEC courses for the Blue Ridge Region.

Congratulations to the Wintergreen Patrol and to Lyn Herrick for their outstanding achievement. The Southern Division is proud to claim you!

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Two Southern patrollers have received National appointments: **Lou Argow**, whose appointment was announced at the Spring Division meeting, is No. 7152; and **Ed Saleem**, who was presented with No. 7153 at the Fall Officers meeting.

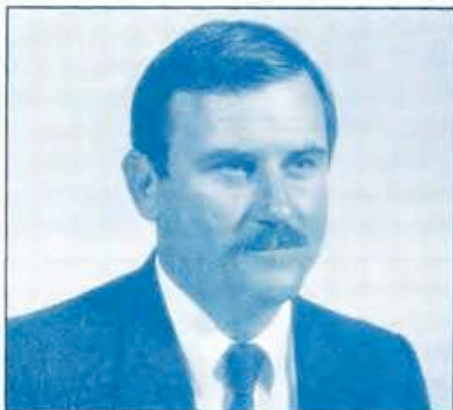
Lou has been patrolling for 22 years, first at Beech Mountain and then at Wintergreen. She has been a first aid instructor for 15 years; a WEC instructor trainer for three years; a CPR instructor for 14 years; and has taught at our refreshers for 20 years. She has also been teaching IT courses for the American Heart Association in Virginia for five years; and is chairperson of the AHA's Emergency Cardiac Care Commission.

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THE NAME IS FAMILIAR BUT...

Beginning with this issue, the Southern Cross takes on a new look and a new format. The Fall issue kicks off the season with approximately 14 pages of news and important information, and the Spring issue will wrap up the season with reports, awards and Spring Convention highlights. During the season, four monthly issues beginning in December will offer calendar updates and current information of an operational nature.

Special thanks to Salomon, Bair's Ski Shop and Geze Bindings for their sponsorship of the "new" Southern Cross. Most importantly, we would like everyone to recognize Bobbie Rupp for her many years of unselfish dedication to publishing our newsletter. With her assistance, we are hopeful of further advances in our efforts to afford an effective means of communication to the members of our division. As always, all constructive comments are appreciated.



CARLBERG'S CORNER

DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Division elections are behind us, and this year's ski season is about to begin. Elections make this country great because they raise issues that need to be addressed. Over the next two years, I hope to maintain this dialogue to ensure that the issues affecting each patroller and patrol can be addressed at the division and national levels. One means of resolving issues is improved communications, and this issue of the Southern Cross is the first of six that will be issued every season to help keep you better informed. I would like to briefly update you on the status of the Division as of the end of last season.

The Division had a 6 percent increase in manpower. The patroller development programs are showing marked improvements in people obtaining senior and certified status.

The Division had a positive cash flow as a result of "under-spending" the 1988-89 budget and kicking off a new fund raising program. The program was developed by Diana Bauer and involved a benefit drawing with over \$10,000 being generated from ticket sales and interest. The net proceeds were \$8,500 with \$3,500 being returned to the 21 participating patrols. Overall, this was a very successful season for the Southern Division.

The National Meeting this year was held at Sun Valley, Idaho, which resulted in the Southern Division's receiving four national awards. Wintergreen Resort was awarded the Outstanding National Alpine Ski Patrol, and Carolyn Herrick of the Hawksnest Ski Patrol was selected the Outstanding Professional Ski Patroller. Farris Jackson was runner-up for the Outstanding Administrative Patroller, and Helen Calhoun, Appalachian Ski

Mountain, was runner-up for the Outstanding Junior Patroller.

The following is a brief summary of some of the key items of interest which came before the National Board. Nearly all of the news is good news. Without a doubt, the business of the NSP is being operated and managed in an efficient and progressive fashion by personnel at the national office and by the board of national directors and national advisors who are dedicated, hard working, and truly have the interest of the everyday patroller at heart.

Risk Management continues to be an important and well-recognized objective which impacts all facets of ski patrolling.

There will be no increase in national dues for the fifth consecutive year. However, I believe we should anticipate a small dues increase within the next two years because of inflation.

Risk Management continues to be an important and well-recognized objective which impacts all facets of ski patrolling. You will be hearing more about this in *Ski Patrol Magazine*. The NSP liability insurance coverage will be the same as last year. I would encourage those of you who want additional insurance protection beyond that provided by your area management to check with your homeowner's insurance or other private carriers.

An awards proposal which provided two paths to obtain a National Appointment was tabled last winter. It has remained tabled and was referred to the Awards Committee for further

development. The minimum age for Auxiliaries was lowered from 18 to 15, and an advanced program will be established for Auxiliary Patrollers.

The *Lift Evacuation Technical Manual* has been revised through a cooperative project with NSAA. Its revisions meet the latest B77 standards, is more oriented to lift evacuation planning, and has a complete set of new illustrations. The printing was delayed pending more definitive word on the proposed NSAA/SIA merger which would result in a name change, but the manual will be available this fall.

This year's Fall Officers' Meeting was held in Abingdon, Virginia, and was combined with a Phase I patroller development course. Over ninety patrollers from throughout the division attended, making it a total success. I am glad to announce that a balanced budget was approved which will require no increase in patroller's dues this year. This was not an easy task considering we are increasing patroller services.

Enclosed in this issue is the current division roster. It reorganizes the division under three assistant division director positions. Carroll Harris will be responsible for Line functions; Neil Booth for Operations; and Rick Roberts for Staff. The purpose for this is to more efficiently allocate our resources in order to better serve all the patrols within the division.

I would like to express my appreciation for the confidence you leave placed in me. I will endeavor to fulfill my responsibilities as your Division Director with a sensitivity to your individual concerns. Let's pull together and make the upcoming season a success.

DIXIE REGION

Joy Slagle
Dixie Region Director

Ski season is just around the corner? What changes have occurred in the Dixie Region since last season? What can you, the patroller look forward to in your region? The following is an update to answer all these questions.

To begin, the Cumberland Section has been deleted. Cumberland Gardens ski area (Renegade) will not open this year. The patrol will remain registered with the National Office and has become a member of the Smoky Mountain Section. In Alabama, Cloudmont patrol joins the Deep South Section.

New Section Chiefs have been selected. With the departure of Bill Warner to Diamond Peak at Ski Incline, Nevada, Sylvia Talley has agreed to take over the Deep South Section. Smoky Mountain Section will be headed by Smoky Mountain Nordic Patrol Director, Andy Meacham. A big thanks to both these talented patrollers for graciously accepting the extra work and responsibility. I am counting on all Dixie Region patrol directors and patrollers to help Sylvia and Andy in every way possible so that they will have time to ski this winter.

Other regional positions that have been filled are as follows:

- WEC Supervisor Sylvia Talley
- Chief Examiner Jamie Piercy
- Proficiency Gary Riser
- Mountaineering Jim Reed
- Junior Joy Slagle
- Avalanche Rob Geist

The creation of these positions will help the division advisors and assist in bringing division programs to our region and to you, the patroller. WEC, Mountaineering, Avalanche, ski improvement, and Junior activities are being scheduled for the Dixie Region. Watch the calendar for dates and locations. Remember, the survival of these programs depends on you the PATROLLER and your full participation. Please do your best to attend?

DEEP SOUTH SECTION

Sylvia Talley
Deep South Section Chief

Bill Warner, our former Deep South Section Chief, has done something that many of us wish we could do. He and his wife, Myrna, will live in Truckee, California, and Bill will be patrolling with Diamond Peak at Ski Incline, Nevada. We wish them both well.

During his two years as Section Chief, Bill planned several activities for the Deep South patrols; and thanks to his efforts, we now work together as a team. Bill Warner has left some big shoes to fill.

Our plans for the upcoming ski season include sending the Sapphire Valley candidates to Scaly Mountain each Sunday to train. Patrollers from Sky Valley and Scaly Mountain will, in turn, patrol at Sapphire Valley on Sunday. In addition, Cataloochee has extended us an invitation to hold a couple of training sessions at their area.

We welcome Cloudmont Ski Area back into the Deep South Section. Cloudmont is a small but stable patrol of long standing.

It was brought to our attention at the Fall Officers Meeting that **John Schorn**, a student at University of Alabama at Huntsville and a member of the Cloudmont Patrol, passed away recently. John was the son of **John Schorn**, one of Dixie Region's WEC instructors. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Schorn family on the loss of their son.

The **Cloudmont Ski Patrol** established a memorial fund for Joe, with plans to purchase a new Cascade for the ski area. With the fund just \$100 short of its goal, the Southern Division officers voted to contribute the amount from the Division Memorial Fund. Cloudmont plans to hold a dedication ceremony soon to perpetuate the memory of this bright, young patroller.

VIRGINIA REGION

Keith Argow
Virginia Region Director

The **Virginia Region** is proud to be the home of the Wintergreen Ski Patrol, the outstanding alpine ski patrol in the nation this year. We can all be proud of the work of our peers at Wintergreen whose dedication and hard work led to this national recognition.

This fall there will be three WEC Refresher Courses held in Virginia, one in October, one in November, and one in December. To provide enough instructors for this expanded effort, another Phase I/Phase II WEC Instructor training course was taught in September. We have offered to share instructors with our neighboring Southern Appalachian Section of the Eastern Division.

The Senior Ski Patroller program will again get emphasis this season, as a training ground for future ski patrol leaders. Both first aid and ski and toboggan clinics are scheduled. For those who are already Senior and want to sharpen their skills more, a Certified clinic is also scheduled.

One of the requirements for the Senior classification is completion of both the Basic Mountaineering and Basic Avalanche courses. On November 18 and 19 a combined Mountaineering/Avalanche course will be held, meeting first at Massanutten Ski Area. **Pre-registration is required.** Please contact course instructor, **Paul Anderson**, (see directory for address) by October 18 if you would like to attend. We need a firm count in order to schedule instructors in advance and to plan the back country site.

The **Shenandoah Nordic Patrol** is beginning a training program for those who would like to become qualified as Nordic Patrollers and will be available for occasional duty in the Shenandoah National Park high country. For information contact Patrol Director Paul Anderson, or Section Chief **Bill Watson**.

BLUE RIDGE REGION

Douglas Gilstrap
Blue Ridge Region Director

As I sit here at my computer, I try to figure out how to relate the countless hours of information I have collected in my first pre-season as a Region Director, so bear with me. I am going to share some information that may be of benefit to you.

Pete Chamberlin, while taking a break from administrative duties, will be no stranger. Pete will be working with me this year to make sure I do not get lost, and, of course, we will see him at the test and après-test events at Beech Mountain.

I accepted the job of Region Director with Pete's blessing. He leaves this position to me in terrific condition. Pete has made many contributions, and his devotion to this position will be missed. It is my hope that I can match his enthusiasm and be as effective as he was.

No where in my life have I ever been associated with a group as sincere or dedicated as the people I have met in the Ski Patrol, and no other group or sport will I ever devote this much time and energy to again. It is the only one that is returned to me many times over. The influence of people like Doris and Charlie Benbow, Dave Dillard, Sheri Perry, Dale Johnson, and the many others have enhanced my life not only in the sport but has carried over to both business and other community dealings.

It is important to keep in mind that we must continue to pass along the skills of leadership, fellowship, and understanding while accomplishing our primary objectives and conducting ourselves so that we might positively influence our juniors and other patrollers.

This *Southern Cross* issue contains all the new names in the new administration and some old names in new places. These people devote many hours and many days both pre-season and when the snow flies. They are eager to hear your suggestions and help you with your

problems. Let us know how we can help. Things do not always go smoothly, but let's remember that we are patrollers, hopefully for the same reason we share the love of skiing, the comradeship of our fellow skiers and patrollers. Most of all we enjoy the fulfillment of helping others, unselfishly.

Our officers, both past and present, have been working hard to make sure we are all communicating and listening to the needs of patrollers. I will be in touch with your patrol directors and am fortunate to have two exceptional section chiefs and great advisors that will be visiting around the areas. Talk to these people and let them hear your suggestions. I hope to ski with you all sometime during the season.

**The summer issue of
Ski Patrol Magazine contains
the "1989 Refresher Study
Guide" and "Pre-Refresher
Test".**

We should be striving to:

- Increase support for the Junior Program
- Get involved; serve on the Patrol Program
- Learn how your patrol works, at all levels; read and ask questions
- Take the mountaineering or avalanche course - it's fun!
- Bernie needs more WEC instructors
- Present your views and suggestions in a positive way

I encourage all of you to get involved, we need lots of help, at all levels. If you have an interest in any program, let your patrol director know. We should all strive to attain a new level or complete a program or course this season. If for any reason we have failed to inform you of a program or you think we are failing to respond to the needs of the patrol in our region in any way, give me a call. Thanks for the years of service to the NSP and to all who love to ski. The Region Director position exists to service your patrol directors and support the patrols. I work for you, and I need your feedback. See you at refresher.

WEC COMMENTS

Jim Hunter

As you can see from the Calendar, the WEC program has been active this summer planning for the 1989-90 season. The regional administrators are:

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Any questions you may have regarding the WEC program, instructor training, refreshers and pre-refreshers, and continuing education should be addressed to the regional WEC administrator.

The WEC instructor trainers will be taking over more of the actual operation of the WEC program this year and will be monitoring all WEC courses for quality control. The summer issue of *Ski Patrol Magazine* contains the "1989 Refresher Study Guide" and "Pre-Refresher Test". All patrollers should make sure to retain it for their use in preparing for refreshers. Patrollers should also remember to have updated CPR cards and last year's WEC card at their refreshers. Since this is the third year in the cycle, new cards will be issued by National.

It is hoped that each patrol will set aside ample time to allow for its instructors to cover this important refresher material with all patrollers.

The new video on lower extremity injuries is now ready and is available
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Rick Woodlee
Telecommunications Advisor

Any NSP patrols needing a FCC radio license can now apply for one by first contacting me at :

Rick Woodlee
4200 Parkwood Drive
Raleigh, NC 27603
(919) 662-1948

The cost for a NSP patrol FCC license is currently \$285. Area managements may also contact me if they want to obtain a FCC business radio license. The cost for a business license is \$135. Remember, ski area management are not allowed on special emergency frequencies.

I still have access to Henry radio equipment such as the CS-15, 5-watt 3500-channel VHF handheld radio for \$375. If you need an UHF radio, the ICOM U-16, which has 16 channels in the frequency range of 450-470MHz, is available for \$610 plus shipping. There is also a FCC type accepted Bander (150-170 MHz and 450-470MHz 32-channel 5-watt) for \$1,150.

Please contact me if I can be of service to you on your telecommunication needs.

Please remember to:

1. Use your call signs at least once every 30 minutes if you are using FCC granted radio frequencies.
2. Post a copy of your license in a conspicuous place in your patrol room.
3. Have your equipment checked out by a qualified radio technician.
4. Be cooperative and courteous when interference occurs.
5. Not use profanity.
6. Not use communications of a personal nature.
7. BE PROFESSIONAL.
8. Check and exercise your radio equipment now, before the ski season starts. First, charge your radios for the proper time period; then, turn on the radio with squelch on for 8 to 12 hours; and finally, recharge for full period allowed for your radio.

BLUE RIDGE WEC SCHEDULE

Bernie Smith
Blue Ridge WEC Advisor

The Blue Ridge Region has tentatively planned WEC courses for the following areas and dates:

BooneBanner Elk
Starting September 19
Lyn Herrick, Instructor
(704) 963-7051
Charlie Lentz
(704) 262-1205

Charlotte, NC after September 17
Bernie Smith (919) 855-3114

Johnson City, TN after September 17
Bernie Smith (919) 855-3114

WEC COMMENTS

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on a rotation basis to all WEC courses and patrollers (see article below).

The WEC course and text has received many excellent comments in EMS journals and periodicals, and we can be proud of the effort put forward by Warren Bowman, MD, Judy Bunce from the National Office, and our own John Chandler, MD. If you have a chance, let them know how much we appreciate all of their work.

I look forward to working with all of you this year to make us the best trained patrollers on the hill. Let me know if I can help you.

ANATOMY GOES VIDEO

A new Video on Lower Extremity Injuries is available from National.

Our division plans to secure a copy of the new National Ski Patrol tape on Lower Extremity Injuries and provide each regional administrator with their own copy. This should be available shortly after mid-September. contact your regional administrator if you would like to use it for a WEC course, refresher or pre-refresher, or for a training session with your patrol. Dr. John Chandler,

Southern Division Medical Advisor and WEC PAC member was instrumental in putting this together. Let us know your thoughts on this tape as it will be the first of hopefully many more.

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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According to her husband, Keith who was Southern Division's first Division Director, Lou is a certified CPR instructor for the White House staff, as well as for the Georgetown Medical Center emergency room staff. This season, besides being the WEC supervisor for West Virginia Region, she will be Wintergreen's new Patrol Director.

Ed joined the NSP in 1971 and became a Senior in 1976. That year he also qualified as a Senior Test Judge. He has served the Catt patrol as Training Officer, 1977 to 1980; Assistant Patrol Leader, 1980 to 1982; Patrol Leader, 1982 to 1984; Dixie Region Proficiency Advisor, 1985 to 1987; and became Division Proficiency Advisor in 1988. He is also a member of PSIA. Ed works for Rochester Instrument systems in Atlanta, as Accounts Development Manager. He and his wife, Audrey, live in Duluth, Georgia.



STATIONARY AVAILABLE

Official Southern Division stationary is available to all members of the division. Letterheads and envelopes are printed in two colors (blue and gold) using the new division logo. Personalized stationary is also available for orders received no later than October 16. The following prices do not include shipping:

Letterheads @ \$10/100
Envelopes @ \$7/100

The cost of personalized stationary is an additional \$16 for letterheads and likewise for envelopes regardless of quantity. For further information, please contact Rick Roberts.

Mail your order to:

Southern Division/NSP,
P.O.Box 52532,
Atlanta, GA 30355.

SPECIAL PEOPLE

Benning Garrison
Public Relations Advisor

Nine years ago Sheri Perry had the world in her pocket, working at what she liked best. As the Patrol Director at Sugar Mountain, she was chosen National Outstanding Pro Patroller for 1980—Southern Division's first.

In 1985, she and Ronnie Woodie, head mechanic for Sugar Mountain, were married. Within a year, the child she had wanted so much was born. "We knew something was wrong right away," says the young mother. "She looked different; her ears were low set, her eyes wide apart, a roll behind the neck, and her fingers were kind of webbed."

...and because Kristen is special in the hearts of her community, neighbors came to her rescue.

Kristen was born with an undefined chromosome abnormality, with accompanying multiple birth defects—cystic fibrosis, cerebral palsy, heart problems, to name just a few.

Sheri says, "We thought she'd be blind and deaf too. She's the only three-year old we know with prescription sunglasses." Although Kristen is three now, the doctors last year predicated Kristen would never see another year.

Although she thrives on love and affection, life support machines and weekly sessions with a physical therapist and doctor in Boone, the addition of three or four trips a month to the hospital two and a half hours away in Winston-Salem make for a busy schedule.

"We have to space out her activities," says Sheri. "Too much stress causes seizures." Kristen cannot talk, cry or laugh; she's fed through a tube and lives most of the time on machines. Because space was needed for these machines and because Kristen is special in the hearts of her community, neighbors came to her rescue. It was like an old-fashioned barn raising: these people care so much for

her that they donated lumber, labor, and love and built Kristen her own room at home.

Her necessities cost a great deal of money; funds this young couple does not have. The phone bill alone runs close to \$100 a month, insurance \$400.

For 14 months after Kristen was born, the Woodies did not know what to do. Then they learned about the "Katie Beckett Program", a welfare plan designed by President Reagan to keep an ill child at home. It took three months to get into the program.

"We've worked out a payment plan with the hospital," Sheri says. That only scratches the surface. Their home town of Banner Elk and the Resort Area Ministries have set up a fund at a local bank, which so far covers the cost of essentials such as Kristen's glasses, electricity bills, etc.

Donations to the fund (not to Kristen, which would be considered income and would take away eligibility for government funds) can be mailed to the:

**Woodie Family Fund
NCNB
Banner Elk, NC 28604**

Sheri does not patrol anymore. She has no time. As for the future, Sheri says, "We live day by day. The doctors don't know. They say the child should be dead." The Woodie family welcomes your contributions.

BEECH MOUNTAIN SKI PATROL REUNION

Heiner Ehrlich

Quite often, lazy, leisure times bear exceptionally good ideas.

Such was the case when a group of old-timers from the Beech Mountain Ski Patrol gathered at Snowmass, Colorado, in April, 1989, to reminisce about the good ol' days on their beloved North Carolina mountain.

The week was to be the last official week of skiing in the Colorado ski season. The weather and skiing conditions could not have been better for the enthusiastic group. More than six inches of

ATLANTA \$KI CLUB \$WAP \$HOP

The Atlanta Ski Club is again a major supporter of the Southern Division having contributed \$1,500 from the proceeds of two swap shops held this past year. Of the total sum, \$500 went to the division's treasury, and \$1,000 to the five patrols participating in the swap shops.

As in the past, amounts to each patrol were reflective of hours contributed, said **Bill Dunaway**, Atlanta Ski Club representative and Cataloochee patroller. The Catt patrol garnered top dollar with 40% of the total or \$400 (which Dunaway said did not include his time at the sale). Scaly Mountain was second with 32%, receiving \$320; Sky Valley had 16%, receiving \$160; Sugar Mountain, and Ski Hawksnest, each had 6%, receiving \$60.

According to Dunaway, lack of affordable exhibition space in Atlanta means no ski show for the city next year. The Atlanta Ski Club will, however, hold a Swap Shop on November 17, 18, and 19 at the Galleria Mall in Atlanta, Georgia.

GOODIES

Cardboard Splints - \$20/100, plus shipping. Patrol Dir. Contact: Charles Benbow.

Large 54" Cravats - \$0.75 each Contact: Harry Stowe, Williams Medical Textile Company, Route 2, Advance, NC 27006.

new powder fell on these famous slopes each of the first two days. The following days provided glorious spring skiing under an azure sky.

Approximately 30 people attended this festive event from all corners, including young and old members with friends and family. They joined in festive harmony, spent time skiing vigorously, and swapping stories old and new. A blast was had by all.

Let's do it again. Special thanks to Clay and his wife Gloria for their efforts with the excellent accommodations. Until Next time

SOUTHERN DIVISION-NATIONAL SKI PATROL SYSTEM-1989-90 SEASON (9/5/89)

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FINANCIAL REPORT



Member Dues \$31,272.00 (70%)
Fund Raising & Donations \$10,804.00 (24%)
Interest \$2,097.00 (5%)
Misc. Income \$553.00 (1%)

INCOME



National Dues \$20,130 (51%)
Newsletter & PR Publications \$4,591 (12%)
Fund Raising Distribution to Patrols \$3,311 (8%)
Administrative \$3,237 (8%)
Fund Raising Expenses \$2,687 (7%)
Awards Program \$1,646 (4%)
Proficiency \$1,535 (4%)
Misc. Advisors \$1,472 (4%)
Line Officer \$1,019 (2%)

EXPENSES

EXTENDING THE SEASON

Benning Garrison
Public Relations Advisor

Who says ski patrolling is just a winter sport?

When the National Off-Road Bicycling Association chose northeast Georgia's Rabun County as the location for the 1989 Southeast National Mountain Bike Race, Sky Valley added another sport to its year-round facilities.

Since first aiders are always needed at gatherings such as this, Deep South patrollers volunteered their services.

Sylvia Talley, Scaly Mountain, was in charge of getting the patrollers to volunteer their off-season time for the three-day event in May. In spite of gale winds, freezing temperatures, and, yes, snow, there were several hundred participants and several thousand spectators, with 18 patrollers on duty.

Writers for several biking magazines covered the events, which included

FUND RAISING NEWS

The second annual Southern Division drawing is off and running with 9,500 tickets distributed at the Fall Officer's Meeting. The prizes (ski equipment packages and ski weekends) are being assembled, and posters will be mailed to patrols prior to refreshers. The patroller selling the most tickets will receive a new pair of skis. The second-prize winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate from the National Ski Patrol catalog. Other patroller incentives are: Bausch & Lomb glasses for the patrollers selling over 100 tickets; and Swiss Army knives for the patrollers selling over 200 tickets.

As you know, this is a terrific way to raise funds for both the division and your individual patrols. Pre-season sales during ski shows and swap shops have proven to be lucrative. Hopefully, we will have a great ski season to help boost ticket sales.

Send ticket stubs and checks to:

Dee-Dee Bauer
Southern Division, NSP
P.O. Box 52532
Atlanta, GA 30355
(404) 253-2721

Your comments and suggestions for future fundraising programs will be greatly appreciated.

slalom races, bike toss and polo. A video company from Decatur, Georgia, recorded the circuit races, with distances up to 27.5 miles, for ESPN. Watch for the program—and for these patrollers:

From Sky Valley, Delores Crosby, Tom Crosby, Bill Farrell, Marianna Cleminshaw, Bill Jones, Bill Warner, Peggy Chandler, Mike Chandler, Chirstine Chandler. From Scaly Mountain, Sylvia Talley, Ian Nesbit, Ben Cowart, Ken Collins, Gene Carroll, Jim Collins, Chuck Latkoff, Michael Jones. And of course, yours truly.

BASIC SKI MOUNTAINEERING COURSE

Lee Wittman
Mountaineering Advisor
Blue Ridge Region

Jim Reed
Mountaineering Advisor
Dixie Region

The purpose of the basic Ski Mountaineering course is to introduce the patroller to the skills of living in the outdoors in a winter setting and an introduction to the skills for finding and caring for the customers who may have strayed away from the ski area. A short overnight camping trip is the highlight of this course—a trip with a mile and a half walk. If you do not own the necessary equipment, the instructors, fellow patrollers, neighbors, and friends will be more than willing to lend you equipment for this course. You may want to try your local Boy Scout Troop.

In the course, classwork is typically conducted in the morning and early afternoon, followed by the hike in to set up camp before dinner. After some field work on Sunday morning, generally a short critique is done, usually in the classroom. The trip home will be at around noon. Pre-registration is required two weeks in advance!

Blue Ridge Region will have a Basic Mountaineering course on December 2 and 3 with Lee Wittman as the Lead Instructor. December 9 and 10 are the dates for the Dixie Region mountaineering course with Andy Meacham as the Lead Instructor.

ADVANCED SKI MOUNTAINEERING COURSE

The purpose of the Advanced Ski Mountaineering Course is to expand on the outdoor skills learned in the Basic course and to practice how to conduct a search and rescue mission. This is a

three-day course with classroom work being conducted on Friday. The two nights in the field begin late Friday afternoon with a return to the classroom for course critique late Sunday morning.

Typically, a search-and-rescue exercise is conducted Saturday afternoon after the morning sessions are completed. The skills

included in this course include travel in the wilderness, camping, map and compass reading, food planning and preparation, rope use, medical, emergencies, equipment, and team leadership. Contact any mountaineering instructor for more information. Come join us this year for some fun and a unique learning experience.

Watch the Division calendar for this year's date.

BASIC AVALANCHE

CIRCLE A

Ron Geist
Division Avalanche Advisor

Four Basic Avalanche courses have been scheduled in the Southern Division during the 1989-90 ski season. There is one course planned in each region. The dates and locations are included in the region calendars for the 1989-1990 season.

Pre-registration is required! Please have your patrol director submit the registration form along with the \$6 course fee for each registrant at least two weeks prior to the scheduled course date. Registration forms should be forwarded to the Region or Division Avalanche Advisor.

PROFICIENCY

The Proficiency Team started out the new ski season by having most of its members attend the Phase I education program presented at the Fall Officers'

meeting. This program was established to help communicate educational methodology to all Patrollers involved with teaching.

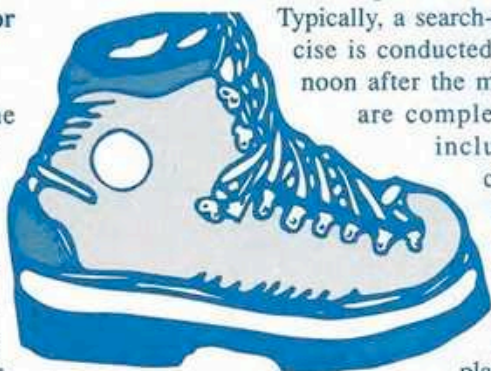
The team, which is made up of all division, region, section, and patrol training and examining personnel, received positive feedback of the training programs of last year. This season the team will have a division clinic emphasizing consistency in the skiing and toboggan handling exam. The resulting guidelines and format will be communicated to patrollers through region and patrol clinics.

INTERDIVISION ADVANCED AVALANCHE COURSE PLANNED

Steamboat Springs, Colorado, January 25 to 28. Patrollers from the entire National Ski Patrol System will meet in Steamboat Springs, Colorado to participate in an Advanced Avalanche Course. **Ski the Colorado Rockies** - Ski with old friends - Ski with new friends - Ski the back country. Just come and **SKI, SKI, SKI.** You will also have the opportunity to learn more about snow, weather, snow, terrain, snow, safety, snow, rescue, snow, snow, and more snow.

The course will begin Thursday evening, January 25, 1990. There will be classroom sessions on Friday and Saturday evenings. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will be spent in the snow, **Howelson Hill** - back country and **Mt. Werner.** There is a \$70 registration fee for the course. Information concerning hotels and transportation will be provided when you register.

For registration materials and additional information, please contact Ron Geist, South Division Avalanche Advisor. Registration is limited, so register now to ensure your place in the course. The Summer 1989 Ski Patrol Magazine also has information about the course.



ATTENTION PRO PATROLLERS

Beginning December 1, all **Professional Patrollers** will be receiving a newsletter. This newsletter will be published monthly, or bi-monthly, depending on the amount of information we receive. This is an invitation to you to submit an article, a letter, or a piece of information that would interest Pro patrollers. We would like the newsletter to be a forum for ideas, events, information, and interesting stories. If you have any problems that need to be addressed, please solicit constructive ideas from your fellow professionals through this newsletter. The deadline for entries is November 15. For information or to submit an article, please call or write: Lynn Pace, Route 2, Box 179, Maryville, TN 37801.

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Contact: Pete Steinfatt, PD

JUNIOR PROGRAM

Mark Taylor
Division Junior Advisor

The **Southern Division Junior Program** is alive and well in all regions and most sections according to a straw poll at the 1989 Fall Officers' Meeting in Abingdon, Virginia. There is a national renewal effort taking place regarding the NSP Junior Program. It will be to everyone's advantage to *get your input in now*. We will have Regional Junior Advisors in all four regions, so have your patrol director or patrol junior advisor contact them with your ideas. We have some terrific young people in our division, and there are many others waiting to be recruited to help prepare us for our future.

There is a Junior Training Seminar scheduled for February 10, 1990, at Ober Gatlinburg; more information on this will be forthcoming. I look forward to hearing from you and to working with *all* Patrollers interested in the Junior Program.

RECRUITMENT NEWS

As you know, NSP is always looking for a few good skiers, and that is exactly what the Southern Division says in our new recruitment brochure.

Hound Ears Ski Patrol is recruiting additional Patrollers and Senior Patrollers. The area is small and reminiscent of skiing in its early years. The season is short and the number of required patrol days is less than most ski areas.

The environment is also ideal for patrollers with small children or for any others that need to limit their patrol activities but want to remain active in the NSP. Hound Ears also has a need for a part-time pro patroller for the holiday weeks. If you are interested in patrolling at a great little ski area, contact Elaine Wittman, Hound Ears Ski Patrol Director at (919) 996-4624.

GOODBYE BILL

For the past two years, patrollers of the Deep South Section have been blessed with the wit and charm of **Bill Warner** as their Section Chief. Bill has also served as the WEC Instructor Trainer having instructed the *first* Southern Division WEC course in the fall of 1987. He was the Patrol Director for Sky Valley from 1985 to 1987.

Bill started skiing when he was in his thirties and joined the NSP around 1980, patrolling at **Sky Valley**. We will miss you, Bill, and wish you and Myrna the best in your new found adventures. Don't forget us, because we cannot forget you or your hat.

Good Luck!!!

NORDIC NEWS

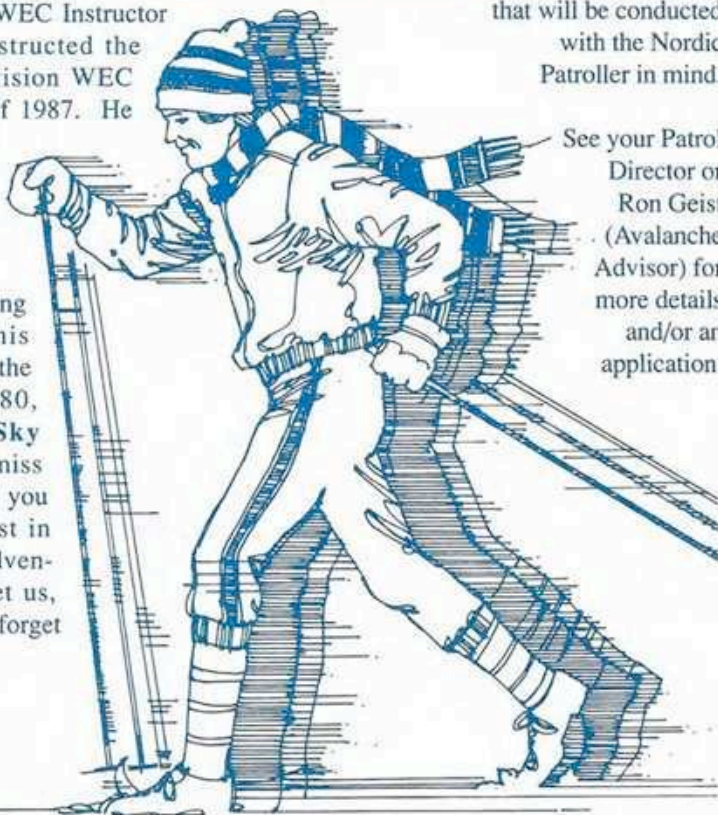
Jim Reed
Nordic Advisor

THINK SNOW!! I am anxiously awaiting for the snow to fall this year so we will be able to hit the trail to make new friends and renew old acquaintances. Please check the different region's calendars for nordic events in your area. Current plans include a Patroller and Senior ski proficiency clinic at Elk River touring center on February 10 and at the Great Smoky Mountain National Park on March 3.

Pre-Registration is required! Send pre-registration to Jim Reed for all nordic events. Jim Reed will be the chief examiner for the Elk River clinic and Dennis Slagle will be the chief examiner for the Great Smoky Mountain clinic. A Nordic Patroller Clinic and a Nordic Proficiency Judge Clinic will be conducted on January 7, tentatively at Winterplace. Dennis Slagle will be coordinating these two clinics

January 25 to 28 is a GREAT opportunity to take the Advanced Avalanche course. The Rockie Mountain Division is hosting an Advanced Avalanche course that will be conducted with the Nordic Patroller in mind.

See your Patrol Director or Ron Geist (Avalanche Advisor) for more details and/or an application.



SOUTHERN DIVISION AWARDS

Farris Jackson
Awards Advisor

The 1988-89 season was pretty disappointing as far as the weather, but it was a banner season for awards.

Peak Performance

- **Wintergreen Ski Patrol** was chosen as the Outstanding Alpine Patrol in the National Ski Patrol System. Remember, they were the runner-up in the 1987-88 season
- **Carolyn Herrick**, Hawksnest, was chosen the Outstanding Professional Patroller in the National Ski Patrol System
- **Helen Calhoun**, Appalachian Ski Mountain, was the runner-up for the Outstanding Junior Award
- **Farris Jackson**, Administrative Patrol, was selected as the runner-up for the Outstanding U.S. Ski Patrol Administrator
- **Carroll Harris** received a Yellow Merit Star for being the Patrol Director of Wintergreen, the outstanding alpine patrol.

"Old Men of the Mountain"

- **Bill Olden**, Timberline, 25 years of service
- **Chuck Hancock**, Sugar Mountain, 30 years of service
- **Pete Chamberlin**, Beech Mountain, 35 years of service

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- Yellow Merit Star to **Harwell Dabbs** and **Carroll Harris**
- Blue Merit Star to **David Caudill** of Silver Creek
- Purple Merit Star to **Vincent Currao** of Sky Valley for life saving
- Silver Merit Star to **Helen Calhoun** and **Farris Jackson**
- Gold Merit Star to **Carolyn Herrick** of Hawksnest.

A Rebel Yell!!!

- Certificates of Appreciation were given to Winterplace and their mountain manager for hosting the Division Proficiency Workshop.
- Senior Certificates were presented to **Charles Lentz**, of Appalachian Ski Mountain, **Tom Gantt**, of Hawksnest, and **Wayne Morgan** of Wolf Laurel.
- National Appointments were presented to **Lou Argow**, Patrol Director at Wintergreen, and **Ed Saleem**, Division Proficiency Advisor.
- For his outstanding work on the WEC Committee in developing the WEC program, **John Chandler** received a nice desk pen set at the National Meeting.

You will be hearing from your awards advisor on a regular basis with information on the awards program. Award nominations are needed for people you work with who deserve to have their good works and dedication recognized.

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SKI RUSSIA WITH SKI FLIGHT 1990

Join the first group of American Ski Patrollers to ski and train with Rescue and Ski groups in the Soviet Union.

Pacific NW Division Ski Flight '90, now in its 23rd year, is taking full advantage of the thaw in U.S./Soviet relations and is offering a week of skiing in the Soviet Union combined with cultural visits to Leningrad, Tblisi and Helsinki, as well as meetings and information exchanges with the Ski and Mountain Rescue personnel of the U.S.S.R.

This tour, open to patrollers, family and friends, can also include two weeks of skiing in Italy and Austria, or one week in either Italy or Austria or just as a single week in the Soviet Union.

Just in case you are wondering, there are lifts (even a quad) in Russia, and Gudari boasts an Austrian built lift system plus a new lodge. However, if a sumptuous cocktail lounge and lavish hotels is your idea of a super vacation, then you had better stay closer to the West. Russian hotels are strictly utilitarian and there are no 7-11's in this land of Marx and Lenin.

If you thrive on great skiing and Alpine vistas, if you love local color and will enjoy meeting Soviets of every ethnic persuasion, who are eager to know Americans, then you will have come to the right place.

Our first week will be spent in the Dolomite Range of Northern Italy because of the exciting ski terrain and runs. From Vigo Di Fassa, our base, we will ski Safari using our private bus to visit Cortina, Gardena, Poaza, Moena, Marmolada and Campitello. During the week, using our super ski pass good on 430 interconnecting ski lifts (no rope tows), we can ski in eight different areas.

Highlights of the week will be a visit to the Canals and Cathedrals of Venice, and to ski completely around the Sella Mountain - a 75 miles roundtrip to earn the coveted Sella Ronda Pin.

After a crossing of the Brenner Pass and a pleasant overnight in Innsbruck, Austria, we base at Landeck, where again our ski safari bus will be put to good use to visit the famous areas of the Tyrol: St. Anton, Isgl, Sölden, Pitzal Glacier, Lech, Zurs etc.

We will also spend some very pleasant evenings and days with our friends from the local mountain and ski rescue groups in Landeck, St. Anton and Naders.

1989 - 1990 CALENDARS

BLUE RIDGE REGION

- 1989**
- Sept. 16 WEC Instructor Pre-Refresher Clinic/Hawksnest
 Sept. 17 WEC Instructor Phase II Clinic/Hawksnest
 Sept. 17 Patrol Leaders Forum; Risk Management;
 Reckless Skier
 Hawksnest, 10 AM
 Sept. 19 WEC Course begins - Boone/Banner Elk
 (Lyn Herrick)
 Sept. 21 ISAS Course/Appalachian
 Oct. 7 Grandfather Section WEC Refresher/Banner Elk
 (8 AM)
 Oct. 8 On-the-Hill Refresher/Grandfather Section
 Nov. 4 Carolina Highlands WEC Refresher/Beech Mtn
 (8 AM)
 Nov. 5 On-the-Hill Refresher/Carolina Highlands
 Nov. 15 **Southern Cross** Deadline
 Nov. 17 - 19 Greensboro Swap Shop/Greensboro, NC
 Dec. 2 Basic Mountaineering/Outward Bound School
 Linville Gorge, NC
 Dec. 2 - 3 Division Proficiency Clinic/Winterplace
 Dec. 9 Basic Avalanche Course/Appalachian
 Dec. 11 **Southern Cross** Deadline
 Dec. 31 Appalachian Patroller Ski & Toboggan-Exam
- 1990**
- Jan. 6 Mid-Winter Executive Committee/Kingsport, TN
 Jan. 7 Nordic Patroller and Examiners Clinic/Winterplace
 Jan. 12 **Southern Cross** Deadline
 Jan. 14 Hawksnest Patroller Ski & Toboggan Exam
 Jan. 19 - 20 NSP Mid-Winter Board Meeting/Denver, CO
 Jan. 20 Senior Proficiency Clinic/Sugar Mtn.
 Jan. 21 Senior Examiners Clinic/Sugar Mtn.
 Jan. 21 Senior Proficiency Clinic/Sugar Mtn.
 Jan. 25 - 28 Advanced Avalanche Course/Steamboat Springs, CO
 Jan. 27 - 28 Advanced Patroller/Certified Clinic/Hawksnest
 Feb. 10 Junior Training Seminar/Ober Gatlinburg
 Feb. 11 Beech Mtn. Patroller Ski & Toboggan Exam
 Feb. 12 **Southern Cross** Deadline
 Feb. 24 Senior WEC Exam/Beech Mtn.
 Feb. 25 Senior Ski & Toboggan Exam/Beech Mtn.
 Mar. 4 Sugar Mtn. Patroller Ski & Toboggan Exam
 May 4 Spring Executive Committee Meeting/Abingdon, VA
 May 5 Southern Division Spring Convention/Abingdon,
 VA and Awards Banquet
 May 15 **Southern Cross** Deadline
 June 28 - 29 NSP Annual Meeting, Billings, MT
 Aug. 24 Fall Executive Committee Meeting/Abingdon, VA
 Aug. 25 - 26 Fall Officers' Meeting/Abingdon, VA
 Sept 1 **Southern Cross** Deadline

DIXIE REGION

- 1989**
- Sept. 30 WEC Instructor Pre-Refresher Clinic/Jefferson
 City, TN
 Oct. 14 WEC Instructor Pre-Refresher Clinic/Cataloochee
 Nov. 4 Cataloochee and Scaly Mtn. WEC
 Refresher/Asheville, NC
 Nov. 4 Ober Gatlinburg WEC Refresher/Maryville, TN
 Nov. 5 On-the-Hill Refresher/Catloochee
 Nov. 5 On-the-Hill Refresher/Scaly Mtn.
 Nov. 5 On-the-Hill Refresher/Ober Gatlinburg
 Nov. 11 Sky Valley WEC Refresher/Atlanta, GA
 Nov. 12 On-the-Hill Refresher/Sky Valley
 Nov. 15 **Southern Cross** Deadline
 Nov. 17 - 19 Atlanta Ski Club Swap Shop/Galleria Mall
 Nov. 18 Basic Avalance Course/TBA - Call Ron Geist
 Nov. 18 Wolf Laurel & Sapphire Valley WEC
 Refresher/Asheville, NC
 Nov. 19 On-the-Hill Refresher/Wolf Laurel
 Dec. 2 - 3 Division Proficiency Clinic/Winterplace
 Dec. 2 Wolf Laurel WEC Exam
 Dec. 9 - 10 Basic Mtn'g Course/GSMNP
 Headquarters/Gatlingburg, TN
 Dec. 11 **Southern Cross** Deadline
- 1990**
- Jan. 6 Mid-Winter Executive Committee/Kingsport, TN
 Jan. 7 Nordic Patroller and Examiner Clinic/Winterplace
 Jan. 12 **Southern Cross** Deadline
 Jan. 19 - 20 NSP Mid-Winter Board Meeting/Denver, CO
 Jan. 20 On-the-Hill Refresher/Smoky Mtn Nordic
 GSMNP Headquarters, Gatlingburg, TN
 Jan. 21 Region Proficiency Clinic/Wolf Laurel
 Jan. 25 - 28 Advanced Avalanche Course/Steamboat Springs, CO
 Jan. 28 Patroller Ski & Toboggan Exam/Ober Gatlinburg
 Feb. 3 Senior Examiners Clinic/Ober Gatlinburg
 Feb. 4 Senior Proficiency Clinic/Ober Gatlinburg
 Feb. 10 Junior Training Seminar/Ober Gatlinburg
 Feb. 11 Deep South Patroller Ski & Toboggan
 Exam/Scaly Mtn.
 Feb. 12 **Southern Cross** Deadline
 Feb. 17 Wolf Laurel Patroller Ski & Toboggan Exam
 Feb. 17 Senior WEC & Admin. Exam/Wolf Laurel
 Feb. 18 Senior Ski & Toboggan/Wolf Laurel
 Feb. 25 Cataloochee Patroller Ski & Toboggan Exam
 Mar. 3 Smoky Mtn. Nordic Patroller & Senior Exam
 May 4 Spring Executive Committee Meeting/Abingdon, VA
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 May 15 **Southern Cross** Deadline
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VIRGINIA REGION

1989

- Sept. 16 WEC Instructor Phase I Clinic/Massanutten
Sept. 17 WEC Instructor Phase II Clinic/Massanutten
Oct. 1 Massanutten Ski Swap/Oakton, VA
Oct. 7 WEC Instructor Pre-Refresher Clinic/Wintergreen
Oct. 7 WEC Course begins/Massanutten
Oct. 8 WEC Instructor Pre-Refresher Clinic/Homestead,
Massanutten, Shenandoah
Oct. 28 Massanutten WEC Refresher
Oct. 29 On-the-Hill Refresher/Massanutten
Nov. 4 Wintergreen WEC Refresher/Charlottesville, VA
Nov. 5 On-the-Hill Refresher/Homestead
Nov. 11 - 12 Massanutten EMT, Advanced First Aid,
WEC Course
Nov. 15 **Southern Cross** Deadline
Nov. 18 - 19 Basic Avalanche & Mountaineering/Massanutten
Dec. 2 Homestead WEC Refresher
Dec. 2 - 3 Division Proficiency Clinic/Winterplace
Dec. 3 On-the-Hill Refresher/Homestead
Dec. 11 **Southern Cross** Deadline

1990

- Jan. 6 Mid-winter Executive Committee Kingsport, TN
Jan. 7 Wintergreen Patroller WEC Exam (1)
Jan. 7 Nordic Patroller and Examiner Clinic/Winterplace
Jan. 12 **Southern Cross** Deadline
Jan. 19 - 20 NSP Mid-Winter Board Meeting/Denver, CO
Jan. 20 Senior Proficiency Clinic/Wintergreen
Jan. 21 Senior WEC Clinic/Wintergreen
Jan. 25 - 28 Advanced Avalanche Course/Steamboat Springs, CO
Jan. 27 Homestead Patroller Ski & Toboggan Exam
Jan. 27 Senior Proficiency Clinic/Massanutten
Jan. 28 Wintergreen Patroller WEC Exam (2)
Jan. 28 Senior WEC Clinic/Massanutten
Feb. 3 Certified Proficiency Clinic/Wintergreen
Feb. 4 Certified WEC Clinic/Wintergreen
Feb. 10 Senior WEC Exam/Wintergreen
Feb. 10 Junior Training Seminar/Ober Gatlinburg
Feb. 11 Wintergreen Patroller Ski & Toboggan Exam
Feb. 12 **Southern Cross** Deadline
Feb. 24 Wintergreen Patroller Ski & Toboggan Exam
Feb. 25 Massanutten Patroller Ski & Toboggan Exam
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WEST VIRGINIA REGION

1989

- Sept. 30 WEC Instructor Pre-Refresher Clinic/Snowshoe
Oct. 27 CPR Refresher (5-11 PM)/Snowshoe
Oct. 28 Timberline, Snowshoe, Silver Creek WEC
Refresher/Snowshoe
Oct. 29 On-the-Hill Refresher and Lift Evac/Snowshoe
Nov. 4 WEC Refresher/Winterplace
Nov. 5 On-the-Hill Refresher and Lift Evac/Winterplace
Nov. 15 **Southern Cross** Deadline
Nov. 18 - 19 Basic Avalanche & Mountaineering/Snowshoe
Dec. 2-3 Division Proficiency Clinic/Winterplace
Dec. 9 WEC Instructor Phase I Clinic/Winterplace
Dec. 11 **Southern Cross** Deadline
Dec. 16 - 20 Proficiency Refresher/Each Area

1990

- Jan. 6 Senior WEC Clinic/Snowshoe
Jan. 6 Mid-Winter Executive Committee/Kingsport, TN
Jan. 7 WEC Examiners Clinic/Snowshoe
Jan. 7 Nordic Patroller & Examiner Clinic/Winterplace
Jan. 12 **Southern Cross** Deadline
Jan. 19 - 20 NSP Mid-winter Board Meeting/Denver, CO
Jan. 20 Patroller Clinic/Snowshoe
Jan. 21 Patroller Clinic/Winterplace
Jan. 25 - 28 Advanced Avalanche Course/Steamboat Springs,
Colorado
Jan. 27 - 28 Patroller Exam/Snowshoe
Jan. 27 - 28 Patroller Exam/Silver Creek
Feb. 3 Senior WEC Exam/Snowshoe
Feb. 4 Senior Ski & Toboggan Clinic/Snowshoe
Feb. 10 Junior Training Seminar/Ober Gatlinburg
Feb. 10 - 11 Region PSIA & Certified Clinic/Snowshoe
Feb. 10 - 11 Nordic Patroller & Senior Exam/Location TBA
Feb. 12 **Southern Cross** Deadline
Feb. 17 WEC Final Exam for Snowshoe/Silver Creek
Feb. 24 - 25 Patroller Exam/Winterplace
Feb. 24 - 25 Patroller Exam/Timberline
Mar. 3 Senior Ski & Toboggan Exam/Snowshoe
Mar. 4 Patroller Ski & Toboggan Exam/Snowshoe
Patroller Ski & Toboggan Exam/Silver Creek
Mar. 23 - 25 Certified Exam/Snowshoe
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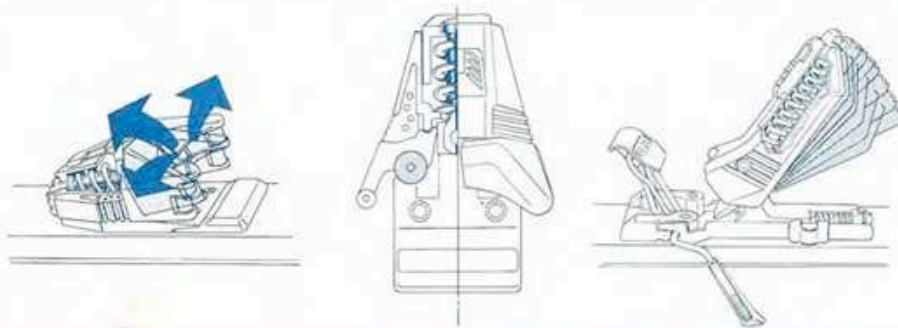


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